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## Academic Appointments

Saint Louis University

Associate Professor of Political Science and Law (secondary), 2021–current

Assistant Professor of Political Science and Law (secondary), 2014–2021

Visiting Instructor, 2013-2014

Washington University in St. Louis, University College, Instructor, Spring 2011

University of Texas at El Paso, Lecturer, Spring 2007

## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 2014

M.A. Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 2010

J.D. Law, University of Texas at Austin, 2001

B.A. English & German, University of New Mexico, 1997

## Publications

### *Books*

Hazelton, Morgan L. W., Rachael K. Hinkle, and Michael J. Nelson. 2023. *The Elevator Effect: Contact and Collegiality in the American Judiciary*. Oxford University Press.

Featured in: ABA Journal August/September 2023

New Books Network Podcast

APSA Book Panel 2023

Hazelton, Morgan L. W. and Rachael K. Hinkle. 2022. *Persuading the Supreme Court: The Significance of Briefs in Judicial Decisionmaking*. Kansas University Press.

Featured in: APSA Book Panel 2022  
Side Bar Podcast  
MPSA Book Panel 2023  
New Books Network Podcast  
Law Library Associations of St. Louis, LLASTL Blog

Reviewed in: *Interest Groups & Advocacy*  
*Perspectives on Politics*  
*Political Science Quarterly*  
*Law & Politics Book Review*

Pritchett Award for the best book in Law and Courts, Honorable Mention 2022

### *Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals*

Hazelton, Morgan L. W., and Rachael K. Hinkle. *Forthcoming*. "What Social Science Can Teach Us Regarding Briefing." (Accepted at *Legal Writing*)

Hazelton, Morgan L.W. 2023. "Case Resolutions in the Shadow of Court-Ordered Litigation Costs." *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*. 179(1) (Invited).

Nelson, Michael J., Morgan L. W. Hazelton, and Rachael K. Hinkle. 2022. "How Interpersonal Contact Affects Appellate Review." *Journal of Politics* 84(1).

Featured in:

Hazelton, Morgan L. W., Rachael K. Hinkle, and Michael J. Nelson. 2022. Appeals Judges Only Rely on Ideology When Reviewing Judges They Don't Know Well. *The Journal of Politics Blog*

Hazelton, Morgan L. W. 2021. "Judicial Impact and Factual Allegations: How the Supreme Court Changed Civil Procedure through the Plausibility Standard" (formerly "Quit Your Complaining? Considering the Impact of Supreme Court Decisions on Strategic Litigants"). *Journal of Law and Courts* 9(1).

Hinkle, Rachael K., Michael J. Nelson, and Morgan L. W. Hazelton. 2020. "Defering, Deliberating, or Dodging Review: Explaining Counterjudge Success in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Journal of Law and Courts* 8(2).

Hazelton, Morgan L. W., Rachael K. Hinkle, and James F. Spriggs. 2019. "The Influence of Unique Information in Briefs on Supreme Court Decision-making." *Justice System Journal* 40(2).

Hazelton, Morgan L. W., Rachael K. Hinkle, and Jee Seon Jeon. 2016. "Sound the Alarm? Judicial Decisions Regarding Publication and Dissent." *American Politics Research* 44(4).

Hazelton, Morgan L. W., Jacob M. Montgomery, and Brendan Nyhan. 2016. "Estimating the Effect of Contributions on Judicial Decision-Making: Evidence from the North Carolina Supreme Court." *American Politics Research* 44(4).

Featured in:

Ordway, Denise-Marie. January 17, 2017. "Judges: How election financing affects judicial behavior." *Harvard Kennedy School - Shorenstein Center on Media Politics and Public Policy Journalist's Resource*.

Drutman, Lee. Sept. 16, 2015. "Public financing of judicial elections worked. Too bad North Carolina ditched the system." *Vox*.

Martin, Andrew D. and Morgan L. W. Hazelton. 2012. "What Political Science Can Contribute to the Study of Law." *Review of Law & Economics* 8(2).

Hazelton, Morgan L. W., Rachael K. Hinkle, and Andrew D. Martin. 2010. "On Replication and the Study of the Louisiana Supreme Court," in Palmer, Vernon V. "The Recusal of American Judges in the Post-*Caperton* Era: An Empirical Assessment of the Risk of Actual Bias in Decisions Involving Campaign Contributors." *Global Jurist* 10(3).

### *Articles in Editor-Reviewed Law Reviews*

Hazelton, Morgan L. W. 2023. "Seeing the Supreme Court as a Whole Institution: Law and Social Science." *Saint Louis University Law Journal* 67(4).

Hazelton, Morgan L. W., Kristin E. Hickman, and Emerson H. Tiller. 2018. "Panel Effects in Administrative Law: A Study of Rules, Standards and Judicial Whistle-blowing." *Southern Methodist University Law Review* 71(2).

Hazelton, Morgan L. W., Rachael K. Hinkle, and James F. Spriggs. 2017. "The Long and the Short of It: The Influence of Briefs On Outcomes in The Roberts Court." *Washington University Journal of Law and Policy* 54 (Invited).

### *Chapters in Edited Volumes*

Hazelton, Morgan L. W. *Forthcoming*. "Law, Text, and Judicial Politics." In Michael Fix & Matthew D. Montgomery (Eds.), *Research Handbook of Judicial Politics*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

## Other Publications

Hazelton, Morgan L.W., Michael J. Nelson, and Rachael K. Hinkle. 2023. "First Monday Among Friends? Long-standing Relationships Make Supreme Court Justices Less Disagreeable." *3Streams Blog, Medium*.

Hazelton, Morgan L. W. 2022. Book Review of Kerri Lynn Stone, *Panes of the Glass Ceiling: The Unspoken Beliefs Behind the Law's Failure to Help Women Achieve Professional Parity* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022) for *Perspectives on Politics*.

Hazelton, Morgan L.W. and Rachael K. Hinkle, Oct. 2, 2022. "What Influences the Supreme Court? Here's What We Learned." *The Washington Post - The Monkey Cage*.

Also ran in: MSN.com; SF Gate

Hazelton, Morgan L. W. Spring 2022. "Using tf-idf and Cosine Similarity to Compare Legal Texts." *Law & Courts - Newsletter of the Law & Courts Section of the American Political Science Association* 32(1).

Windett, Jason, Jeffrey J. Harden, Morgan L. W. Hazelton, and Matthew E.K. Hall. Oct. 22, 2020. "Amy Coney Barrett is Conservative. New Data Shows Us How Conservative." *The Washington Post - The Monkey Cage*.

Hazelton, Morgan L. W. July 3, 2020. "BLM Protests: Can Trump Send the Army?" *Observatory of Current Crises - SLU, Madrid*.

Hinkle, Rachael K., Morgan L. W. Hazelton, and Michael J. Nelson. May 16, 2017. "Getting to Know You - The Unifying Effects of Membership Stability." *SCOTUSBlog*.

Consulted for Ordway, Denise-Marie. March 21, 2017. "How to Tell Good Research from Bad: 13 Questions Journalists Should Ask." *Harvard Kennedy School - Shorenstein Center on Media Politics and Public Policy Journalist's Resource*.

Hazelton, Morgan L. W. 2017. Book Review of Michael A. Zilis, *The Limits of Legitimacy: Dissenting Opinions, Media Coverage, and Public Responses to Supreme Court Decisions* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2015) for *Political Science Quarterly* 132(1):170-171.

Hazelton, Morgan L. W. Summer 2016. "The Politics of Pleadings and Plaintiffs: the Promise of Studying Trial Courts." *Law & Courts - Newsletter of the Law & Courts Section of the American Political Science Association* 26(2).

Hazelton, Morgan L. W., Rachael K. Hinkle, and Jee Seon Jeon. July 6, 2016. "How One Circuit Court Judge Can Stop a Higher Court from Establishing a Legal Precedent." *London School of Economics United States Politics and Policy Blog*.

## Selected Works in Progress

Shane A. Gleason, Morgan L.W. Hazelton, Rachael K. Hinkle, and John J. Szmer. "A Fresh Perspective: Legal Team Diversity and Brief Quality at the Supreme Court." (Under Review)

Hazelton, Morgan L. W., "Strategy and Supreme Court Decision Announcements."

Hazelton, Morgan L. W., Chryl N. Laird, and Molly J. W. Wilson. "The Effect of Argumentation on Attitudes."

Hazelton, Morgan L. W., and Adam S. Myers. "Another Seat at the Table? The Determinants of Congressional Authorizations for Federal District Judgeships."

## Grants, Awards & Honors

### Research

Pritchett Award for the best book in Law and Courts, Honorable Mention 2022 for *Persuading the Supreme Court: The Significance of Briefs in Judicial Decisionmaking* (with Rachael Hinkle).

Stolle Award, Saint Louis University, Fall 2022

Spark Microgrant, Saint Louis University, Fall 2022

Sabbatical Leave, Saint Louis University, Fall 2022

Best Conference Paper Award by the Law and Courts Section for "The Elevator Effect: How Collegiality Impacts Dissent" (with Rachael K. Hinkle and Michael J. Nelson), American Political Science Association, 2018

Faculty Research Leave Recipient, Saint Louis University, Spring 2018

President's Research Fund Grant Recipient (Co-PI), Saint Louis University, 2016

Neal Tate Award for Best Paper in Judicial Politics for "Quit Your Complaining? Considering the Impact of Supreme Court Decisions on Strategic Litigants," Southern Political Science Association, 2016

### Teaching & Mentoring

Spirit of the Billiken, Honored Mentor, 2024

College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Undergraduate Mentoring Award Finalist, Saint Louis University, 2022

Kappa Alpha Theta Banquet, Honored Faculty, 2019

Spirit of the Billiken, Honored Mentor, 2018

College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Graduate Mentoring Award Finalist, Saint Louis University, 2017

College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award Finalist, Saint Louis University, 2016

Straight A Luncheon, Honored Mentor, 2016

Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence, Washington University in St. Louis, 2010–2011

#### Service

Outstanding Reviewer, *Political Research Quarterly*, 2019

#### Legal Professional

El Paso Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year, El Paso Young Lawyers Association, 2007–2008

Star of the Bar, El Paso Young Lawyers Association, June 2007

Salute to Lawyers, El Paso Bar Association, Circa January 2005

## Invited Talks and Small Conferences

Judicial Decision-making: A Symposium, Washington University in Saint Louis - Moderator (2023)

Continuing Legal Education, Law Library Associates of Saint Louis, "Supreme Court Term Preview" - Speaker (2023)

The University of Georgia, "Persuading the Supreme Court," Speaker (2022)

Richard J. Childress Memorial Lecture, Saint Louis University Law School, "The Business of the Supreme Court" - Panelist (2022)

Continuing Legal Education, Law Library Associates of Saint Louis, "Supreme Court Term Preview" - Speaker (2022)

Seminar on Judicial Decision-Making, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, "Case Resolutions in the Shadow of Court-Ordered Litigation Costs" - Commentator (2022)

Continuing Legal Education, Law Library Associates of Saint Louis, "Supreme Court Term Preview" - Speaker (2020)

Saint Louis University Learning Community Education Talks (2020)

Political Economy and Public Law Conference (2013, 2019)

Workshop on Judicial Behavior, University of Chicago School of Law (2019)

Judicial Behavior Workshop, Saint Louis University (2018)

Civil Justice Research Initiative Inaugural Symposium at Berkley Law (2018)

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2012, 2015 & 2017)  
New Directions in Law & Society (2021)  
Society for Political Methodology Conference (2022)  
State Politics and Policy Conference (2017)  
Washington University in St. Louis Data Science Conference (2016)

Chair:

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2022 & 2023)  
Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2014 & 2023)  
Annual Meeting of Southern Political Science Association (2021 & 2023)

## Teaching Experience

### *Saint Louis University*

#### Political Science

The American Constitution - Spring 2014, 2016, 2020 & 2022; Fall 2017

Civil Rights: A Moot Court Seminar - Spring 2017; Fall 2014

Civil Rights & Civil Liberties - Spring 2015 & 2019; Fall 2013, 2016, 2017, 2020 & 2021

Empirical Research Methods - Spring 2014; Fall 2014

Graduate Capstone Internship - Spring 2015; Fall 2015

Graduate Reading Course: EEOC - Fall 2017

Honors Thesis (Chair) - Spring 2021; Fall 2015

#### Independent Study

Qualified Immunity - Spring 2016

Constitutional Interpretation: Originalism - Spring 2017

Comparative Courts - Summer 2017

Law & Society - Fall 2021

Asylum (Graduate) - Spring 2024

Judicial Politics - Spring 2021; Fall 2013, 2015 & 2019

Law, Policy & Society - Spring 2016, 2019 & 2023; Fall 2020

Methods in Political Science - Fall 2018 & 2021

Research Design

Chair - Spring 2015; Fall 2014 & 2020

Seminar in American Politics (Graduate) - Spring 2015; Fall 2016

School of Law

Constitutional Interpretation: Originalism - Spring 2017

Constitutional Law I - Spring



## Past

Search Committee Chair - Tenure Track Position, Fall 2023  
Search Committee Member - Tenure Track Position, Fall 2023  
Public and Social Policy PhD Program - Advisory Board Member, 2021–2023  
Search Committee Chair - Visiting Position, Summer 2022  
Interim Graduate Coordinator, Spring 2022  
Ad Hoc Tenure and Promotion Standards Committee - Member, 2020  
Graduate Studies Committee - Member, 2015–2019  
Research Symposium - Organizer, Fall 2017  
Search Committee Member - Tenure Track Position, Fall 2017  
Search Committee Member - Visiting Position, Summer 2017  
Methods Curriculum Committee, Member, 2013–2014

## *College*

### Current

Law, Religion, and Politics Minor - Co-Coordinator, 2018–Current  
Faculty Council - Faculty Advisory Committee Member, 2023–Current  
Center on Lived Religion - Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Member, Spring 2023–Current  
Honors Seminar/Scholars in Society - Guest Lecturer, 2019–2024  
Legal History Reading Group - Member, 2017–Current

### Past

Faculty Council Technology Committee - Member, 2014–2015; 2016–2020; 2021–2022  
Faculty Council - Core Assessment Committee, Member, 2015–2016

## *University*

### Current

BILCN-Research Program - Participant, Spring 2024–Current  
Phi Alpha Delta, Pre-Law Fraternity - Faculty Advisor, 2020–Current  
Billiken Home Plate - Host, Fall 2023–Current

## Past

Academic Technology Steering Committee - Representative, Spring 2022–2023  
Truman Scholarship Interview Preparation Team (Internal) - Member, Spring 2023  
Truman Scholarship Interview Team (Internal) - Member, Winter 2020  
Amicus Curiae, Pre-Law Society - Faculty Advisor, 2016–2020  
Working Group on Speech, Expression, and Civility - Member, 2017–2018  
Pre-Law Advisory Committee - Member, 2013–2016  
Legal Studies Task Force - Member, 2015–2016  
Saint Louis University Legal Studies Journal - Guest Editor, Spring 2014

## *Discipline & Academia*

### Current

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Law and Courts*, 2021–current

### Past

Member, Nominations Committee, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2024  
Guest Editor, *Journal of Law and Courts*, 2021–2022  
Reviewer, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, 2021 & 2022  
Member, Lifetime Achievement Award Selection Committee, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2020  
Programming Committee, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, 2019  
Section Head: Judicial Politics, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2019  
Judicial Behavior Workshop, Organizer, 2018  
Creator, Law and Courts Data Sources public resource  
Member, Best Graduate Student Paper Award Selection Committee, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2016  
Reviewer  
*American Journal of Political Science*  
*American Political Science Review*  
*American Politics Research*  
*American Review of Politics*

Cambridge University Press  
*Canadian Journal of Political Science*  
De Gruyter Press  
*International Review of Law and Economics*  
*Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*  
*Journal of Law and Courts*  
*Journal of Law and Empirical Analysis*  
*Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*  
*Journal of Political Science*  
*Journal of Politics*  
*Justice System Journal*  
*Law & Social Inquiry*  
*Law & Society Review*  
*Legislative Studies Quarterly*  
National Science Foundation, Law and Social Science  
Oxford University Press  
*Perspectives on Politics*  
*Politics & Gender*  
*Political Research Quarterly*  
*Political Science Quarterly*  
*Public Administration and Policy*  
*Research & Politics*  
*Sociology Compass*  
*State Politics & Policy Quarterly*

## Legal Experience

Scott & Hulse, P.C., Litigation Associate, 2001–2005

Summer Associate, 2000

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Summer Law Clerk, 2000

Women's Advocacy Project, Summer Law Clerk, 1999