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Academic Employment:

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2005-present.

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2004-2005.

Education:

Ph.D. 2004 University of South Carolina
M.A. 1999 Appalachian State University
B.A. 1997 Carson-Newman College

Publications:

Johnson, Susan W. and Donald R. Songer. Forthcoming. "Judge Gender and the Voting Behavior of Justices on North American Supreme Courts." *Justice System Journal*.

Ostberg, C.L., Matthew Wetstein, Donald R. Songer and Susan W. Johnson. 2009. "Ideological Consistency and Attitudinal Conflict: A Comparative Analysis of the U.S. and Canadian Supreme Courts." *Comparative Political Studies* 42: 763-792.

Johnson, Susan W., Ronald Stidham, Kenneth Manning, and Robert Carp. 2008. "The Gender Influence on U.S. District Court Decisions: Updating the Traditional Judge Attribute Model." *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 29: 497-526.

Szmer, John, Susan W. Johnson and Tammy Sarver. 2007. "Does the Lawyer Matter? Influencing Outcomes on the Supreme Court of Canada." *Law and Society Review* 41: 279-303.

Songer, Donald R. and Susan W. Johnson. 2007. "Judicial Decision Making In the Supreme Court of Canada: Updating the Personal Attribute Model." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 40: 911-934.

Songer, Donald R., Susan W. Johnson and Ronald Stidham. 2003. "Presidential Success Through Appointments to the United States District Courts." *Justice System Journal* 24:283-300.

Johnson, Susan and Donald R. 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* 36:657-675.

Funded Grants:

2006 - "Judicial Performance in North Carolina Division Four." Court Watch of North Carolina, Inc. (\$6,489)

2005 - "An Institutional Perspective to Supreme Court Decision Making in Canada and the United States," Canadian Embassy, (\$ 8,000).

2005 - "Summer Excellence Research Grant," University of North Carolina at Greensboro, (\$4,000).

Manuscripts in Progress:

Songer, Donald R., Susan W. Johnson, Matthew Wetstein and C.L. Ostberg. *Making Law and Policy: The Ideological Roots of Decision Making in the Supreme Court of Canada*.

Songer, Donald R., Susan W. Johnson, and Jennifer Barnes Bowie. "Do Bills of Rights Matter? A Reconsideration of Epp's Conclusions."

Conference Presentations:

"The Supreme Court of Canada in Historical Perspective: The Impact of Institutional Change on Judicial Behavior" Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 3-6, 2009.

"Judge Gender and Critical Mass: Decision Making on the Appellate Courts of Canada." with Donald Songer and Nadia A. Jilani Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, Carleton University, Ottawa, May 27-29, 2009.

"Do Bills of Rights Matter? A Reconsideration of Epp's Conclusions." with Donald R. Songer and Jennifer Barnes Bowie. Paper presented at the 2008 Meeting of the Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies (IPSA #9), Concordia University, Montreal, June 24-26, 2008.

"The Treatment of Gender-Related Cases by the Supreme Court of Canada." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2008.

"To Publish or Not Publish: Explaining Publication Areas of Federal Trial Judges." with Ronald Stidham, Kenneth Manning and Robert A. Carp. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 20-23, 2006.

"The Prime Minister and the Canadian Supreme Court: A Dictatorship of the *Executive*?" with Amie Martin. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the North Carolina Political Science Association, High Point, NC, March 31, 2006.

"The Impact of the Charter of Rights on Canadian Supreme Court Decisions." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2005.

“The Nature and Extent of Attitudinal Conflict in the Supreme Court of Canada.” with C.L. Ostberg, Matthew Wetstein, and Donald Songer. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2004.

“The Supreme Court of Canada: The Impact of Becoming a Court of Last Resort.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 8-10, 2004.

“The Effects of Docket Control and the Charter of Rights in Rights Decisions on the Supreme Court of Canada.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia PA, August 28-31, 2003.

“Repeat Players and Attorney Success before the Supreme Court of Canada,” with John Szmer. Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting in Savannah, GA, November 2002.

“Federal District Court Judges and the Decision to Publish,” with Ronald Stidham, Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting in Savannah, GA, November 2002.

“The Influence of Gender and Race on Judicial Decisions in the United States Courts of Appeals,” with Tajuana Massie and Sara Gubala, Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting in Chicago, IL, April 2002.

“Attitudinal Decisionmaking in the Supreme Court of Canada,” with Donald Songer, Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting in Chicago, IL, April 2002.

“The Impact of Gender and Race in the Decisions of Judges on the United States Courts of Appeals,” with Tajuana Massie and Sara Gubala, Poster at the American Political Science Association in San Francisco, CA, September 2001.

“The Gender and Race Influence on U.S. District Court Judges,” with Ronald Stidham and Robert Carp, Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting in Atlanta, GA, November 2001.

"The Influence of Presidential Preferences, Senatorial Courtesy, and Judge Attributes on the Published and Unpublished Decisions of Judges on the U.S. District Courts," with Donald Songer, Presented at the Southern Political Science Convention in Atlanta, GA, November 2000.

"The Gender Influence on U.S. District Court Judges," with Ronald Stidham, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, March 2000.

Course Taught:

Introduction to Law, Constitutional Law, American Politics, Civil Liberties, Women and the Law, Judicial Process

Awards:

Chair's Award for Best Dissertation, University of South Carolina, Department of Political Science, 2004-2005.

Dean's Award for Excellence in Graduate Study, University of South Carolina, Graduate School, 2003-2004. University-wide fellowship.

Outstanding American Politics Awards, University of South Carolina, Department of Political Science, 2003-2004. Fellowship awarded to outstanding graduate student in American Politics.

Governor John C. West Fellowship, University of South Carolina, Department of Political Science, 2002-2003. Fellowship awarded to outstanding graduate student in Political Science.

Professional Service & Memberships:

Member: American Political Science Association (Law and Courts Section)

Manuscript Referee: *Journal of Politics*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*

Discussant, North Carolina Political Science Association Meeting, February 2009.

University and Community Service:

Sociology Search Committee, Fall 2008.

Guest speaker, Make a Difference House. "The Legal Rights of Women." Fall 2008.

Faculty-Student Mentor Program. Participant. Fall 2008.

Chair, Pre-law Advisory Committee. 2005-present.

CLEO Campus Coordinator, 2007-present.

Constitution Day Panel Participant, September 2005.

Guest judge, "We the People," Northwest Guilford High School, Spring 2005, Spring 2006, Spring 2008.

Guest speaker, Political Awareness Club (PAC) meeting "The Constitutionality of Government Wire-tapping." Fall 2005.

Guest speaker, Political Awareness Club (PAC) meeting "Reviving the Equal Rights Amendment." Spring 2006.

Professional Experience:

Program Participant, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods
Ann Arbor, MI, July 2002.

Teaching Assistant, American Government, University of South Carolina, Department of
Political Science, Spring 2003.

Research Assistant, Dr. Donald R. Songer, Comparative Courts Project, University of South
Carolina, Department of Political Science, 2000-2003.

Teaching Assistant, American Government, Appalachian State University, Department of
Political Science and Criminal Justice, 1999-2000.

Research Assistant, Dr. Ruth Ann Strickland, Appalachian State University, Department of
Political Science and Criminal Justice, 1998.

Internship, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of North Carolina, Summer 1999.