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Academic Employment:

Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Professor, 2022-present. Previous appointments: Associate Professor, Assistant Professor and Visiting Lecturer.

Education:

- Ph.D. University of South Carolina
Primary Field: Judicial Politics
- M.A. Appalachian State University
Primary Field: Judicial Politics
- B.A. Carson-Newman University
Majors: Political Science; Communication Studies

Publications:

Books

Songer, Donald R. Susan W. Johnson, C. L. Ostberg and Matthew E. Wetstein. 2012. *Law, Ideology and Collegiality: Judicial Behavior in the Supreme Court of Canada*. Montreal: McGill-Queens University Press.

Journal Articles & Book chapters:

- Bowie, Jennifer; Ali S. Masood; Elisha Savchak; Susan W. Johnson; Lauren Oligino (undergraduate student); Adam Webster (undergraduate student). Forthcoming. "A Bottom-up Approach to Lower Court Influence on the Supreme court of the United Kingdom." In the *Research Handbook on Judicial Politics*. Eds. Michael P. Fix and Matthew Montgomery. Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Johnson, Susan. 2023. "State Immunity from Suit." *The Constitution in Five Minutes*. Eds. David Klein and Joseph Smith. Sheffield, South Yorkshire: Equinox Publishing.
- Johnson, Susan W. and Ali S. Masood. 2023. "Trailblazer Women and the Supreme Court of Canada." *Politics, Groups & Identities*. 11 (2), 226-245.
- Johnson, Susan W., Ronald Stidham, Kenneth L. Manning and Robert A. Carp. 2021. "To Publish or Not Publish: Exploring Federal District Judges' Published Decisions." *Open Judicial Politics: An Empirical Reader*, edited by Rorie Spill-Solberg and Eric Waltenburg. Corvallis: Oregon State University Press.

- Johnson, Susan and Rebecca Reid. 2020. "Speaking Up: Women and Dissenting Behavior in the Supreme Court of Canada." *Justice System Journal* 41(3): 191-219.
- Reid, Rebecca, Susanne Schorpp, and Susan W. Johnson. 2020. "Trading Liberties for Security: Groupthink and Effects of Gender Diversification on U.S. Appellate Decision Making During Times of War." *American Politics Research* 48(3): 402-413.
- Johnson, Susan W. 2019. "Stability and Change: Policy Evolution on the Supreme Court of Canada, 1945-2005." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 52(2): 343-362.
- Johnson, Susan W. 2017. "Family Matters: Justice Gender and Female Litigant Success in Family Law Cases in the Supreme Court of Canada." *Justice System Journal* 38 (4): 332-347.
- Songer, Donald R., Susan W. Johnson, and Jennifer Barnes Bowie. 2013. "Do Bills of Rights Matter? An Examination of Institutional Change, Ideology and the Support Structure for Rights in Canada." *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*. 51: 297-328. (Double-blind, peer-reviewed).
- Johnson, Susan. 2012. "The Supreme Court of Canada and Strategic Decision Making: Examining Justices' Voting Patterns during Periods of Institutional Change." *American Review of Canadian Studies*. 42: 236-256.
- Songer, Donald, John Szmer, and Susan W. Johnson. 2011. "Explaining Dissent on the Supreme Court of Canada." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 44: 389-409.
- Johnson, Susan W., Donald R. Songer and Nadia Jilani." 2011. Judge Gender, Critical Mass, and Decision Making in the Supreme Court of Canada." *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy* 32: 237-260.
- Jilani, Nadia, Donald R. Songer, and Susan W. Johnson. 2010. "Gender, Consciousness Raising, and Decision Making on the Supreme Court of Canada." *Judicature* 94: 59-69.
- Johnson, Susan W. and Donald R. Songer. 2009. "Judge Gender and the Voting Behavior of Justices on North American Supreme Courts." *Justice System Journal* 30:265-279.
- 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.

Under review:

Johnson, Susan W. "Gendered Justice in Comparative Perspective: False Equality and False Difference in Criminal Appeals." (Conditional acceptance).

Book Reviews, Blog Posts:

Blog post: Reid, Rebecca, Susanne Schorpp, and Susan W. Johnson. 2020. *Diversity on the Bench Reduces War-induced Groupthink and Makes Judicial Decisions More Consistent with Peacetime Civil Liberties*. (London School of Economics' USAPP- American Politics and Policy blog, February 17, 2020).

Book review: *Value Change in the Supreme Court of Canada* by Matthew E. Wetstein and C.L. Ostberg. Reviewed for *Law & Politics Book Review* (Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association). Vol. 27 No. 8 (October 2017) pp. 133-136.

Funded Grants:

2023 – "Analyzing Language in Comparative Courts: A Multi-User Database of Judgment Texts in the Top Appellate Courts of Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom." *National Science Foundation*. \$196,298. Principal Investigator.

2020- UNCG Faculty First. "Status Characteristics and Appellate Court Diversity." (Summer research funding, \$5,000).

2018 – UNCG Faculty Research Leave. "Canada's Appellate Courts: Gender, Collegiality, and Judicial Behavior." (Spring 2018).

2013 - UNCG Regular Research Grant. "Gender, Politics, and Policy: Decision Making Patterns in Canada's Courts of Appeals." (\$5,000) (January 2013- December 2014).

2013 - UNCG Summer Excellence Grant. "Gender, Politics, and Policy: Decision Making Patterns in Canada's Courts of Appeals." (\$5,000) (May 2013-August 2013).

2010 – "The Supreme Courts of Canada and the United States in Historical Perspective." Canadian Embassy in the US, Canadian Studies Grant program. (\$4,230).

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 in the US, Canadian Studies Grant program. (\$ 8,000).

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

Grant Proposals:

2021- "The Effects of Colonization on Gendered Judging and Women's Empowerment in Common Law Nations." National Science Foundation. (with Rebecca A. Reid). \$191,000. (Not funded).

2011- "Collaborative Research: Judicial Decision Making in the Intermediate Appellate Courts of Australia, Canada, England and the United States", National Science Foundation. (with Donald R. Songer and John Szmer). \$375,000. (Not funded).

Conference Presentations:

- Johnson, Susan W., Jennifer B. Bowie, Kayla Johnston (undergraduate student) and Chloe Siegel (undergraduate student). 2024. "An Examination of Emotional Language in Opinion Writing on the Supreme Court of Canada." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2024. (Funded by the National Science Foundation SES Award #2314773).
- Johnson, Susan W. 2022. "Gendered Justice in Comparative Perspective: False Equality and False Difference in Criminal Appeals." Presented at the UNCG Department of Political Science Research Workshop, Greensboro, NC, November, 17, 2022.
- Johnson, Susan W. "Gendered Justice: Legalistic and Paternalistic Views of Defendants in Comparative Top Appellate Courts." Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference due to Covid-19, January 6-10, 2021.
- Johnson, Susan W., John Szmer and Robert Christensen. "Building Consensus as Policymakers: Majority Opinion Assignment in a Collegial Court." Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR. January 9-11, 2020.
- Johnson, Susan W. and Ali Masood. "The Impact of Social and Gender Effects in Canada's Appellate Courts" Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Austin, TX. January 17-20, 2019.
- Johnson, Susan W. "Justice Gender and the Supreme Court of Canada: A Re-Examination." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 6-9, 2017.
- Reid, Rebecca, Susanne Schorpp and Susan W. Johnson "Trading Liberties for Security: The Effects of Judge Gender on U.S. Appellate Decision Making During Times of War." Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Jan. 13-15, 2017.
- Johnson, Susan W. "Policy Change on the Supreme Court of Canada, 1945-2005." Paper presented at the North Carolina Political Science Association Meeting, Feb. 26, 2016, Research Triangle Park, NC.
- Johnson, Susan W., Donald R. Songer, and Ali Masood. "Gender Effects in the Canadian Intermediate Appellate Courts." Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Jan. 7-10, 2016, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Johnson, Susan and Donald R. Songer. "Gender and Consciousness Raising in Canada's Intermediate Appellate Courts." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. 2014.
- Johnson, Susan W. "Strategic Decision Making and the Supreme Court of Canada." Paper presented at the North Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC, February 25, 2011.
- Johnson, Susan W. "The Supreme Court of Canada and Strategic Decision Making: Examining Justices' Voting Patterns during Periods of Institutional Change." Paper presented at the CONNECT Colloquium, Plattsburgh, NY, October 14-15, 2010.
- Songer, Donald R., John Szmer, Robert K. Christensen, and Susan W. Johnson. "Conflict, Voice, and Critical Mass: Examining Gender Diversity and Dissensus in the Supreme

- Court of Canada.” Paper presented at the *81st Annual Southern Political Science Conference*, Atlanta, Georgia. January 7-9, 2010.
- Johnson, Susan W. “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.
- Songer, Donald, Susan Johnson and Nadia A. Jilani. “Judge Gender and Critical Mass: Decision Making on the Appellate Courts of Canada.” Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, Carleton University, Ottawa, May 27-29, 2009.
- Songer, Donald, Susan Johnson and Jennifer Barnes Bowie. “Do Bills of Rights Matter? A Reconsideration of Epp’s Conclusions.” Paper presented at the 2008 Meeting of the Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies (IPSA #9), Concordia University, Montreal, June 24-26, 2008.
- Johnson, Susan W. “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.
- Johnson, Susan W., Ronald Stidham, Kenneth Manning and Robert A. Carp. “To Publish or Not Publish: Explaining Publication Areas of Federal Trial Judges.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 20-23, 2006.
- Martin, Amie and Susan W. Johnson “The Prime Minister and the Canadian Supreme Court: A Dictatorship of the *Executive*?” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the North Carolina Political Science Association, High Point, NC, March 31, 2006. (Undergraduate student co-author).
- Johnson, Susan W. "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.
- Ostberg, C.L., Matthew Wetstein, Susan Johnson and Donald Songer.. “The Nature and Extent of Attitudinal Conflict in the Supreme Court of Canada.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2004.
- Johnson, Susan. “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.
- Johnson, Susan. “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.
- Szmer, John and Susan W. Johnson. “Repeat Players and Attorney Success before the Supreme Court of Canada.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting in Savannah, GA, November 2002.
- Johnson, Susan and Ronald Stidham. “Federal District Court Judges and the Decision to Publish.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA, November 2002.

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

Johnson, Susan and Donald Songer. "Attitudinal Decisionmaking in the Supreme Court of Canada." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting in Chicago, IL, April 2002.

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

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

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

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

Teaching:

Courses:

Introduction to Law, Constitutional Law, American Politics, Civil Liberties, Women and Law, Judicial Process, Legal Research and Writing, Comparative Law and Courts.

Honors Theses: Directed fourteen undergraduate honors theses.

Directed Study/Independent Studies: Directed 34 undergraduate honors projects.

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, Editorial Board, *Law & Politics Book Review*, Law & Courts Section, American Political Science Association, 2021-.

Treasurer, Law & Courts Section, American Political Science Association, 2021-2024.

Committee Member, Best Paper Published in *the Journal of Politics* Award. 2023.

External reviewer, Promotion and Tenure to associate professor. Summer 2023

External reviewer, Promotion and Tenure to full professor. Summer 2023.

Chair, Malcolm Jewell Award Committee (Best Graduate Student Paper), *Southern Political Science Association*. 2019.

Proposal Reviewer; Law and Social Sciences Program, National Science Foundation, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2023.

Best Paper Award Committee, NC Political Science Association, 2017.

Alternate officer, Executive Committee, Law & Courts Section, American Political Science Association, 2018.

Committee Member: Law and Courts Section's Professional Committee. American Political Science Association. 2012.

Member: American Political Science Association (Law & Courts Section), Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, North Carolina Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association.

Manuscript Referee: *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Law & Courts*, *Journal of Politics*, *Justice System Journal*, *American Politics Research*, *Oxford University Press*, *W.W. Norton Publishing*, *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*, *Law & Society Review*, *Law & Policy*.

Discussant, Southern Political Science Association, January 2021.

Discussant, Southern Political Science Association, January 2020.

Discussant, Southern Political Science Association, January 2019.

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2017.

Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2014.

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

University and Community Service:

Outside member, Philosophy Department, Promotion & Tenure Committee, 2023.

Member, Political Science Department, Promotion & Tenure Committee, 2023.

Co-Chair, PSC Third Year Review Committee, 2022.

Chair, PSC Annual Review Committee, 2022, 2024.

Member, Advisory Board, UNCG Atlantic World Research Network, 2021-

Outside member, Philosophy Department Third Year Review Committee, 2021.

University Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2020.

Chair, PSC Department Third Year Review Committee, 2020.

Senator, Faculty Senate, 2020-2023.

Faculty Advisor, Legal Professions Association (LPA) , 2018-2023.

CAS Representative, University Research Policies Committee, Office of the Provost, 2016-2019.

Member, PSC Department Search Committee, American Politics, 2019-20.
Member, PSC Department Search Committee, Political Theory, 2017-18.
Member, GEC Subcommittee on Recertification, College of Arts and Sciences, 2015-16.
Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2013-2014, 2014-15.
Member, PSC Department Scholarship Committee, 2012-present.
Member, PSC Department Teaching Assessment Committee, 2013-present.
Member, PSC Department Teaching Evaluation Guidelines Committee, 2013-2014, 2014-2015.
Member PSC Department Long-term Planning Committee, 2014-present.
PSC Department Prelaw Advisor, 2004-present.
Faculty Phone-a-Thon, Spring 2010 (and other times)
Member, Sociology Search Committee, Fall 2008.
Guest speaker, Make a Difference House. "The Legal Rights of Women." Fall 2008.
Participant, Faculty-Student Mentor Program. Fall 2008.
Member, Pre-law Advisory Committee, 2009-present.
Chair, Pre-law Advisory Committee. 2005-2009; 2012-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, Spring 2009, Spring 2010.
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, Quantitative Methods Workshop with Paul Allison, May 7-8, 2010,
Washington, D.C.
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, High Courts Judicial Database (HCJD) 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.
Legal Assistant, Carole Spainhour, Elder Law Attorney, Blowing Rock, NC, 1999-2000.