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Education **State University of New York at Binghamton**
Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science Expected Graduation: May 2023
Dissertation: Court Curbing in the US States

- My dissertation explores the motivations for and implications of court curbing in the US states. In my dissertation, I introduce novel measures of court curbing with a comprehensive dataset of court curbing in the US states. I construct a theory of ex ante and ex post control mechanisms to explain variation in court curbing across states and time. Finally, I determine the effects of court curbing on judicial behavior in US state courts.

Committee: Wendy Martinek (Chair), Olga Shvetsova, Jeffrey Yates

ICPSR Summer Program at the University of Michigan
Data Science and Text Analysis Summer 2021
Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment

State University of New York at Binghamton
M.A., Political Science December 2019

Gettysburg College
B.S., Political Science, Environmental Studies, *Magna Cum Laude* May 2010

Research Interests Law and courts, American Political Institutions, US Constitutional Law, Judicial Independence, US State Courts, US State Politics

Peer-Reviewed Articles **Michael Catalano**. 2022. “Ex Ante and Ex Post Control over Courts in the US States: Court Curbing and Political Party Influence.” *Justice System Journal* 43(4): 503-523. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0098261X.2022.2123287>

- Awarded the 2021 Richard I. Hofferbert Best Paper Award – top graduate student paper submitted to the SUNY Binghamton Political Science Department.

VanDusky-Allen, Julie A., Stephen M. Utych, and **Michael Catalano**. 2022. “Partisanship, Policy, and Americans’ Evaluations of State-Level COVID-19 Policies Prior to the 2020 Election.” *Political Research Quarterly* 75 (2): 479-496. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F10659129211056374>

Shvetsova, Olga, Andrei Zhirnov, Abdul Basit Adeel, Mert Can Bayar, Onsel Gurel Bayrali, **Michael Catalano**, Olivia Catalano, Hyoungrohk Chu, Frank Gianelli, Ezgi Muftuoglu, Dina Rosenberg, Didem Seyis, Bradley Skopyk, Julie VanDusky-Allen, and Tianyi Zhao. 2022. “Protective Policy Index (PPI) Global Dataset of Origins and Stringency of COVID 19 Mitigation Policies.” *Scientific Data (Nature)* 9 (319). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-022-01437-9>

Shvetsova, Olga, Andrei Zhirnov, Frank Giannelli, **Michael Catalano**, and Olivia Catalano. 2022. "Can Correlation Between Governor's Party and COVID-19 Morbidity Be Explained by the Differences in COVID-19 Mitigation Policies in the States?" *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 62 (6): E381-E383.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2022.01.003>

Shvetsova, Olga, Andrei Zhirnov, Frank Giannelli, **Michael Catalano**, and Olivia Catalano. 2022. "Governor's Party, Policies, and COVID-19 Outcomes: Further Evidence of an Effect." *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 62 (3): 433-437.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2021.09.003>

Shvetsova, Olga, Julie VanDusky-Allen, Andrei Zhirnov, Abdul Basit Adeel, **Michael Catalano**, Olivia Catalano, Frank Gianelli, Ezgi Muftuoglu, Dina Rosenberg, Mehmet Halit Sezgin and Tianyi Zhao. 2021. "Federal Institutions and Strategic Policy Responses to COVID-19 Pandemic." *Frontiers in Political Science* 3 (June): 1-14. DOI:

<https://doi.org/10.3389/fpos.2021.631363>

Adeel, Abdul Basit, **Michael Catalano**, Olivia Catalano, Grant Gibson, Ezgi Muftuoglu, Tara Riggs, Mehmet Halit Sezgin, Olga Shvetsova, Naveed Tahir, Julie VanDusky-Allen, Tianyi Zhao, and Andrei Zhirnov. 2020. "COVID-19 Policy Response and the Rise of the Sub-national Governments" *Canadian Public Policy/Analyse de politiques* 46 (4): 565-584.

<https://doi.org/10.3138/cpp.2020-101>

Shvetsova, Olga, Andrei Zhirnov, Julie VanDusky-Allen, Abdul Basit Adeel, **Michael Catalano**, Olivia Catalano, Frank Giannelli, Ezgi Muftuoglu, Tara Riggs, Mehmet Halit Sezgin, Naveed Tahir, and Tianyi Zhao. 2020. "Institutional Origins of Protective COVID-19 Public Health Policy Responses: Informational and Authority Redundancies and Policy Stringency." *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 1 (4): 585-613.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1561/113.00000023>

Catalano, Michael. "Whiskey's for Drinking; Water's for Fighting: Natural Resource Distribution and Civil War in Northern Africa." 2010. *Pi Sigma Alpha Journal at Gettysburg College* 3 (Spring): 53-64.

**Scholarly
Book
Chapters**

Michael Catalano. 2023. "Can the US Constitution Handle Political Parties?" In *The US Constitution in Five Minutes*, eds. David Klein and Joseph Smith. Sheffield (UK): Equinox Publishing Home.

Gerald Benjamin and **Michael Catalano**. 2020. "New York State's 'Multi+' Party System." In *Beyond Donkeys and Elephants: Minor Political Parties in Contemporary American Politics*, ed. Richard Davis. Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas.

**Working
Papers**

Michael Catalano, Matthew Walz, Michael Romano, and Todd Curry, "#BLM and Silence by State Supreme Courts: Representation or Insulation?" (Submitted for Review)

Michael Catalano and Aaron Chan, "Common law systems and COVID-19 policy response: protective public health policy in the United States, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia." Book Chapter. (Revise and Resubmit)

Michael Catalano and Matthew Walz, "Fusion Voting and Legislative Behavior."

Works in Progress

Michael Catalano, “Safeguarding Presidential Policy through Appointments to the US Court of Appeals.”

- Awarded the 2022 Richard I. Hofferbert Best Paper Award – top graduate student paper submitted to the SUNY Binghamton Political Science Department.

Michael Catalano, “Implications of Court Curbing in the US States.”

Michael Catalano, “Measuring Court Curbing.”

Wendy Martinek, Hayley Munir, and **Michael Catalano**, “Judicial Decision Making on Lower Federal Courts.” Chapter in *Research Handbook of Judicial Politics*, edited by Michael Fix and Matthew Montgomery, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Sara Benesh, Wendy Martinek, Taraleigh Davis, **Michael Catalano**, “Supreme Court Appearances and Legitimacy.”

Book Reviews

Catalano, Michael A. “Review of Kalmoe, Nathan P., *With Ballots and Bullets: Partisanship and Violence in the American Civil War.*” H-Nationalism, H-Net Reviews. March, 2021. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=55998>

Other Scholarly Publications

Shvetsova, Olga, Abdul Basit Adeel, **Michael Catalano**, Olivia Catalano, Frank Giannelli, Ezgi Muftuoglu, Tara Riggs, Mehmet Halit Sezgin, Naveed Tahir, Julie VanDusky-Allen, Tianyi Zhao, and Andrei Zhirnov. 2020. “Institutional origins of COVID-19 public health protective policy response (PPI) data set v. 1.2 (countries).” *Citizenship, Rights and Cultural Belonging Transdisciplinary Area of Excellence Working Papers Series*. 107. https://orb.binghamton.edu/working_paper_series/7/

Shvetsova, Olga, Abdul Basit Adeel, **Michael Catalano**, Olivia Catalano, Frank Giannelli, Ezgi Muftuoglu, Tar Riggs, Mehmet Halit Sezgin, Naveed Tahir, Julie VanDusky-Allen, Tianyi Zhao, and Andrei Zhirnov. 2020. “Institutional Origins of Protective COVID-19 Policies Dataset V. 1.2 – regional US and Canada PPI.” *Citizenship, Rights and Cultural Belonging Transdisciplinary Area of Excellence Working Papers Series*. 106. https://orb.binghamton.edu/working_paper_series/6/

Riggs, Tara and **Michael Catalano**. 2020. “(S)He Who Acts First: Gendered Gubernatorial Response to Pandemic in Divided Government.” *Citizenship, Rights and Cultural Belonging Transdisciplinary Area of Excellence Working Papers Series*. 105. https://orb.binghamton.edu/working_paper_series/5/

Olga Shvetsova, Andrey Zhirnov, Abdul Basit Adeel, **Michael Catalano**, Olivia Catalano, Hyoungrohk Chu, Garrett DuMond, Georgian-Marius Ghincea, Jason Means, Ezgi Muftuoglu, Tara Riggs, Almira Sadykova, Mehmet Halit Sezgin, Julie VanDusky Allen, and Tianyi Zhao. 2020. “Constitutional and Institutional Structural Determinants of Policy Responsiveness to Protect Citizens from Existential Threats: COVID-19 and Beyond.” *Citizenship, Rights and Cultural Belonging Transdisciplinary Area of Excellence Working Papers Series*. 104. https://orb.binghamton.edu/working_paper_series/4/

Olga Shvetsova, **Michael Catalano**, Hyoungrohk Chu, Garrett K. Dumond, Ezgi Muftuoglu, Hasan Ozutemiz, Almira Sadykova, and Tara Riggs. 2020. “Policy Error and Policy Rescue in COVID-19 Responses in the United States and United Kingdom.”

Conference Presentations [Forthcoming] “Implications of Court Curbing in the U.S. States.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference [accepted], April 2023.

“Supreme Court Appearances and Legitimacy.” Paper accepted at the Conference within a Conference on Courts, Public Support and Institutional Legitimacy at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, St. Petersburg Beach, FL, January 2023. Non-presenting co-author.

“Implications of Court Curbing in the U.S. States.” Paper presented at the New Directions in Law and Society Conference, Amherst, MA, October 2022.

“Implications of Court Curbing in the U.S. States.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, September 2022.

“Fusion Voting and Legislative Behavior.” Paper presented at the Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Conference [virtual], April 2022.

“Implications of Court Curbing in the U.S. States.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference [virtual], April 2022.

“COVID-19 Pandemic Policy Response and Outcomes in the United Kingdom and the United States.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference [virtual], April 2022.

“Measuring Court Curbing in the US States.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference [virtual], September 2021.

“#BLM and Silence by State Supreme Courts: Representation or Insulation?” Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Conference [virtual], May 2021.

“Fusion Voting and Legislative Behavior.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference [virtual], April 2021.

“Ex Ante and Ex Post Control over Courts in the US States: Court Curbing and Political Party Influence.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference [virtual], April 2021.

“Fusion Voting and Legislative Behavior.” Paper presented at the New York Political Science Association Annual Conference [virtual], April 2021.

“Ex Ante and Ex Post Control over Courts in the US States: Court Curbing and Political Party Influence.” Paper presented at the Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Conference [virtual], March 2021.

“Ex Ante and Ex Post Control over Courts in the US States: Court Curbing and Political Party Influence.” Paper presented at the Great Plains Political Science Association Annual Conference [virtual], November 2020.

“Partisan Control of Courts in the American States.” Paper accepted to be presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2020 [Canceled].

“All Are Welcome: Combating Party Extremists in Congressional Primaries.” Paper presented at the Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2019.

“The Social Context and Governance of Community-Based Collaborative Resource Management.” Paper presented at the Pennsylvania State University Annual Rural Studies Student Conference, University Park, PA. October 2017.

“Collaborative Conservation and Rural Change in the Intermountain West.” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington D.C., April 14-18, 2010.

**Teaching
Experience**

Instructor of Record

Upcoming Course: Constitutional Law: Voting Rights and Race, Summer 2023

Upcoming Course: Judicial Decision-making on Lower Federal Courts, for the SUNY Binghamton Lyceum, Spring 2023

PLSC 382D: Constitutional Law: First Amendment Rights, Summer 2022

PLSC 481D: The US Federal Court System, Spring 2022

Co-Instructor

PLSC 331: Constitutional Law and Politics, Fall 2021 (with Dr. Wendy Martinek)

PLSC 414: The U.S. Supreme Court, Spring 2021 (with Dr. Wendy Martinek)

Teaching Assistant

PLSC 111: Introduction to American Politics, Spring 2019, Spring 2020 (with Dr. Jonathan Krasno)

PLSC 113: Introduction to Comparative Politics Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020 (with Dr. William Heller, Dr. Ekrem Karakoc, and Dr. Mikhail Filippov, respectively)

**Honors,
Awards,
Fellowships**

SUNY Binghamton Graduate Student Excellence Award in Research, 2023 - \$500

SUNY Binghamton Lyceum Course Grant, 2023 - \$1000

SUNY Binghamton Graduate School Travel Award, 2022 - \$999.75

American Political Science Association Conference Travel Grant, 2022 – \$150

New Directions in Law & Society Conference at University of Massachusetts at Amherst Travel Grant, 2022 – \$400

Dr. David Cingranelli Award, 2022 – \$250

Awarded to an outstanding Political Science graduate student at SUNY Binghamton.

Richard I. Hofferbert Best Paper Award, 2022 – \$750

Best paper written by a Political Science graduate student at SUNY Binghamton over the prior academic year.

Dissertation Year Award (SUNY Binghamton), Fall 2021 – \$8851

Richard I. Hofferbert Best Paper Award, 2021 – \$750

SUNY Binghamton Provost's Doctoral Summer Fellowship (annual), Summer 2019-2022 – \$4000

Harpur College First Year Award (SUNY Binghamton), 2018 – \$1000

SUNY Binghamton Fellowship (annual), 2018-2022 – \$17000

Pi Sigma Alpha - National Political Science Honor Society, 2009-2010

Pi Lambda Sigma - National Honor Society for majors in management, economics political science, 2009-2010

Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America, 2005

Grants

Historical Preservation Grant, Rochester Area Community Foundation, 2018, SSS Lotus Historical Sailing Program – \$4000

Walmart Community Grant, 2018, High School Career Exploration Programs – \$500

Dean Zutes Charitable Trust, 2018, Scouting for youth in Rochester, NY – \$2315

Dorothy M Young Trust, 2018, Scouting for youth in Rochester, NY – \$11,162

Doane Fay Sumner, 2018, General Scouting Operating and Program Support – \$11,430

LGBT Giving Circle: Rochester Area Community Foundation, 2018, Scouting for underserved youth in Rochester, NY – \$1000

M&T Charitable Foundation, 2018, Scouting for youth in Rochester, NY – \$5000

Order of the Arrow Service Grant, 2018, Camp amphitheater renovation – \$1400

Cabela's Outdoor Fund, 2017, Camping Supplies for Urban Scouting – \$930

United Healthcare, 2017, Recruitment and Promotional Materials for Scouting – \$3000

Dean Zutes Charitable Trust, 2017, Scouting for youth in Rochester, NY – \$568

Dorothy M Young Trust, 2017, Scouting for youth in Rochester, NY – \$11,162

LGBT Giving Circle: Rochester Area Community Foundation, 2017, Scouting for underserved youth in Rochester, NY – \$1000

Walmart Community Grant, 2017, High School Career Exploration Programs – \$250

Walmart Community Grant, 2017, High School Career Exploration Programs – \$500

Gettysburg College Student Professional Papers & Conference Grant, 2010 – \$600

Gettysburg College Funds for Senior Projects Grant, 2009-2010 – \$500

Professional Service

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*, 2022-present.

[Forthcoming] Discussant, Undergraduate American Politics Poster Session: LGBTQ+ Politics. 2023 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2023.

[Forthcoming] Discussant, Undergraduate American Politics Poster Session: Crime and Punishment in American Politics. 2023 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2023.

Chair, Undergraduate Standing ePanel: Courts and Public Policy, 2022 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2022.

Discussant, Undergraduate Institutions and Theory Poster III Session, 2020 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2020 [Canceled].

**Internal
Service**

President, Binghamton University Parents Collective (graduate students with children), Spring 2022-present.

Chair, Student Advisory Committee for Dr. Mikhail Filippov's Promotion to Full Professor, Fall 2020.

Chair, Student Advisory Committee for Dr. Ekrem Karakoc's Promotion to Full Professor, Fall 2020.

Founder/Organizer, Political Science Virtual Writing Group at SUNY Binghamton, 2020-2021.

Treasurer, Political Science Graduate Student Organization, 2019-2020.

Founder and Chair, American Politics Graduate Student Summer Working Group at SUNY Binghamton, 2019-2021.

Chair, Student Advisory Committee for Dr. Amanda Licht's Tenure and Promotion, Fall 2019.

Member, Student Advisory Committee for Dr. Daniel Magleby's Tenure and Promotion, Fall 2018.

Skills

Stata, R, LaTeX, Microsoft Office

**Professional
Memberships**

American Political Science Association, 2021-present

Midwest Political Science Association, 2020-present

Law and Society Association, 2021-present

Association of American Geographers, 2010