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Academic Positions

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Binghamton University, August 2023-present

Interim Pre-Law Advisor, Harpur Academic Advising Office, Binghamton University, June 2023-January 2024

Pre-Law Advising Associate, Harpur Academic Advising Office, Binghamton University, April 2023-January 2024

Instructor of Record (Graduate Student), Department of Political Science, Binghamton University, January 2022-August 2023

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*, August 2022-August 2023

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Binghamton University, August 2018-December 2020

Education

Binghamton University (SUNY)
Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science Expected Completion: June 2024
Dissertation: Court Curbing in the US States
My dissertation explores the motivations for and implications of court curbing in the US states. With novel measures of the scope of proposed change in court-curbing bills and likelihood of enactment of court-curbing bills, I explain motivations for court-curbing activity and its implications for judicial behavior.
Committee: Wendy Martinek (Chair), Olga Shvetsova, Jeffrey Yates

ICPSR Summer Program at the University of Michigan
Data Science and Text Analysis Summer 2021

Binghamton University (SUNY)
M.A., Political Science December 2019

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

Research and Teaching Interests Law and Courts; American Politics; Constitutional Law; American Political Institutions; Judicial Politics; Research Methods; State Politics; Comparative Politics

Peer-Reviewed Articles **Catalano, Michael.** 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.
Recipient of the 2021 Richard I. Hofferbert Best Paper Award.

VanDusky-Allen, Julie, Stephen 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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Book Chapters

Hayley Munir, **Michael Catalano**, and Wendy Martinek. Forthcoming. "Judicial Decision Making on Lower Federal Courts." In *Research Handbook of Judicial Politics*, eds. Michael Fix and Matthew Montgomery. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Michael Catalano and Aaron Chan. 2024. "Common Law Systems and COVID-19 Policy Response: Protective Public Health Policy in the United States, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia." In *Government Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Between a Rock and a Hard Place*, ed. Olga Shvetsova. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave MacMillan.

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?" (*Invited to Revise and Resubmit*)

Michael Catalano. "Implications of Court Curbing in the US States." *Recipient of the 2023 Richard I. Hofferbert Best Paper Award.*

Michael Catalano. “Measuring Court Curbing.”

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

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

Recipient of the 2022 Richard I. Hofferbert Best Paper Award.

Nathan Henceroth, Hayley Munir, **Michael Catalano,** and Marcy Shieh. “State Supreme Court Endorsements by Interest Groups.”

Michael Catalano and Matthew Walz. “Fusion Voting and Legislative Behavior.”

**Book
Reviews**

Catalano, Michael. “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>

**Conference
Presentations**

Sara Benesh, **Michael Catalano,** Taraleigh Davis, and Wendy Martinek. 2024. “Courting Public Support: Supreme Court Justice Public Appearances.” Paper accepted at the Conference within a Conference on Courting Public Support: SCOTUS, the Media and the Public at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Michael Catalano. 2023. “Did Courts Protect Civil Liberties in COVID-19 Pandemic Onset?” Paper presented at the Binghamton University International Invitational Workshop on What Makes a Government a Good Government? Upgrading Democratic Theory and Constitutional Political Economy in Light of COVID-19 Pandemic Policies, Binghamton, NY.

Michael Catalano. 2023. “Implications of Court Curbing in the U.S. States.” Paper presented at the Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Conference, [virtual].

Michael Catalano. 2023. “Implications of Court Curbing in the U.S. States.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Sara Benesh, **Michael Catalano,** Taraleigh Davis, and Wendy Martinek. 2023. “Flying (Too?) Close to the Sun: Supreme Court Appearances and Legitimacy.” Paper presented 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.

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

Michael Catalano and Aaron Chan. 2022. “Common Law Systems and COVID-19 Policy Response: Protective Public Health Policy in the United States, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

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

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

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

Ezgi Muftuoglu and **Michael Catalano**. 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].

Michael Catalano. 2021. "Measuring Court Curbing in the US States." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, [virtual].

Michael Catalano, Matthew Walz, and Todd Curry. 2021. "#BLM and Silence by State Supreme Courts: Representation or Insulation?" Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Conference, [virtual].

Michael Catalano and Matthew Walz. 2021. "Fusion Voting and Legislative Behavior." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, [virtual].

Michael Catalano. 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].

Michael Catalano and Matthew Walz. 2021. "Fusion Voting and Legislative Behavior." Paper presented at the New York Political Science Association Annual Conference, [virtual].

Michael Catalano. 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].

Michael Catalano. 2020. "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].

Michael Catalano. 2020. "Partisan Control of Courts in the American States." Paper accepted to be presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. [Cancelled].

Andrew Foote, Matthew Walz, and **Michael Catalano**. 2019. "All Are Welcome: Combating Party Extremists in Congressional Primaries." Paper presented at the Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

**Teaching
Experience**

Lecturer

PLSC 481D: The US Federal Court System, Spring 2024

PLSC 382G: Constitutional Law: First Amendment Rights, Spring 2024

PLSC 481K: The US Executive and Judiciary, Fall 2023

PLSC 111: Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2023

Instructor of Record (Graduate Student)

PLSC 382D: Constitutional Law: Voting Rights and Race, Summer 2023

Binghamton University Lyceum: Judicial Decision-Making on Lower Federal Courts,
Seminar for community members ages 55 years and older, 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)

**Awards and
Fellowships**

Binghamton University Graduate Student Excellence Award in Research, 2023

Award for important contributions graduate students make to research at the University and the wide variety of approaches they take to the advancement of knowledge.

Richard I. Hofferbert Best Paper Award, 2023

Award for best paper written by a Political Science graduate student at Binghamton University over the prior academic year.

Searle Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies, 2023

Dr. David Cingranelli Award, 2022

Award for an outstanding Political Science graduate student at Binghamton University.

Richard I. Hofferbert Best Paper Award, 2022

Award for best paper written by a Political Science graduate student at Binghamton University over the prior academic year.

Dissertation Year Award (Binghamton University), Fall 2021

Richard I. Hofferbert Best Paper Award, 2021

Award for best paper written by a Political Science graduate student at Binghamton University over the prior academic year.

Binghamton University Provost's Doctoral Summer Fellowship, 2019-2022

Harpur College First Year Award (Binghamton University), 2018

Binghamton University (Graduate Student) Fellowship, 2018-2022

Pi Sigma Alpha, 2009-2010

National Political Science Honor Society.

Pi Lambda Sigma, 2009-2010

National Honor Society for majors in management, economics political science.

Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America, 2005

**Academic
Grants**

Graduate Student Conference and Travel Research Fund (GSCTRF), 2023 – \$226

Grant funding to present at scholarly conferences, attendance of professional trainings/workshops, and travel in connection with research for theses/dissertations.

Graduate Student Employee Union Professional Development Award, 2023 – \$268

Conference Accelerator Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, 2023 – \$2000

Grant funding to accelerate the work of developing a paper into an academic conference presentation by freeing time and supporting relevant expenses.

Graduate Student Conference and Travel Research Fund (GSCTRF), 2023 – \$159

Grant funding to present at scholarly conferences, attendance of professional trainings/workshops, and travel in connection with research for theses/dissertations.

Expense Support Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, 2023 – \$750

Grant funding to support research on themes within the liberal tradition.

Binghamton University Lyceum Course Grant, 2023 - \$1000

Grant funding to conduct seminar for community members ages 55 years and older.

Binghamton University Graduate School Travel Award, 2022 – \$1000

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

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

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

**Non-
Academic
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

Professional Service

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*, August 2022-August 2023.

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

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

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

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

University Service

President, Binghamton University Parents Collective, Spring 2022-Summer 2023.

Consultant, Binghamton University Political Science Department Undergraduate Program Revision Proposal, Fall 2022-Winter 2023.

Chair, Graduate Student Advisory Committee for Faculty Promotion to Full Professor, Fall 2020.

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

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

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

Chair, Graduate Student Advisory Committee for Faculty Tenure and Promotion, Fall 2019.

Member, Graduate Student Advisory Committee for Faculty Tenure and Promotion, Fall 2018.

Skills

Stata, R, LaTeX, Text Analysis

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, 2021-present

Midwest Political Science Association, 2020-present

Northeast Association of Pre-Law Advisors, 2023-present
National Capital Area Political Science Association, 2023-present
Law and Society Association, 2021