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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D.                      Political Science and International Relations, May 2017  
University of Southern California
- Core Fields: Public Law, American Politics, Comparative Politics
- Dissertation Title: “Global Judicial Dialogue and the U.S. Courts”
- MA                         Political Science, 2009  
California State University, Los Angeles
- Concentration: Political Theory and Public Law
- BA                         International Relations and European Studies, 2007  
Panteion University of Political and Social Sciences; Athens, Greece

**TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Public Law, Judicial Politics, Law and Society, American Politics, International Law and Human Rights, Public Opinion, Research Methods, Political Theory.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Fall 2019                 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Cal Poly Pomona  
Course Title: *Introduction to Public Law*
- Fall 2019                 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Cal Poly Pomona  
Course Title: *Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers*
- Fall 2019                 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Cal Poly Pomona  
Course Title: *Jurisprudence*
- Spring 2019             Lecturer, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *Constitutional Law*
- Spring 2019             Lecturer, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *Judicial Decision-Making*

Spring 2019                    Lecturer, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *Human Rights*  
Professor: Dr. Alison Dundes Renteln

Fall 2018                      Lecturer, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *Principles, Institutions, and Great Issues of American Democracy*

Fall 2018                      Lecturer, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *Interest Groups and Elite Behavior*

Fall 2018                      Lecturer, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *Law, Politics, and Public Policy*  
Professor: Dr. Alison Dundes Renteln

Spring 2018                  Instructor, Department of Diplomacy & World Affairs,  
Occidental College  
Course Title: *International Organizations*

Spring 2018                  Lecturer, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *Constitutional Law*  
Professor: Dr. Arthur Auerbach

Spring 2018                  Lecturer, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *Law, Politics, and Public Policy*  
Professor: Dr. Jeb Barnes

Fall 2017                      Instructor, Department of Diplomacy & World Affairs  
Occidental College  
Course Title: *Comparative Politics of Europe*

Fall 2017                      Lecturer, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *Law in Film*  
Professor: Dr. Arthur Auerbach

Fall 2017                      Lecturer, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *Law, Politics and Public Policy*  
Professor: Dr. Alison Dundes Renteln

Spring 2017                  Instructor, Department of Political Science, Whittier College  
Course Title: *American Constitutional Law*

Spring 2015                  Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *Law, Politics and Public Policy*  
Professor: Dr. Jeb Barnes

Fall 2014                    Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *Law, Politics and Public Policy*  
Professor: Dr. Alison Dundes Renteln

Spring 2014                Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *Law, Politics and Public Policy*  
Professor: Dr. Jeb Barnes

Fall 2013                    Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *Law, Politics and Public Policy*  
Professor: Dr. Arthur Auerbach

Spring 2013                Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *Law, Politics and Public Policy*  
Professor: Dr. Alison Dundes Renteln

Fall 2012                    Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, USC  
Course Title: *International Law*  
Professor: Dr. Alison Dundes Renteln

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2012-2015                Research Assistant  
University of Southern California  
United States Supreme Court Database Coding and Update  
Professor/Supervisor: Dr. Lee Epstein

2005-2007                Research Assistant  
Panteion University of Political and Social Sciences; Athens, Greece  
Building an original dataset of migration and asylum policies in the United States and the European Union  
Professor: Dr. Aikaterini Varvitsioti

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Menounou, Elli, Adam Feldman, Thora Giallouri, and Jordan Carr Peterson. 2019. "Packing the Courts: Ideological Proximity and Expansions to the Federal Judiciary from 1937 to 2012," *Journal of Law and Courts* 7(1):81-106.

## **UNDER REVIEW AND WORKING PAPERS**

"Homines Economici: Judicial Decision-making and the Financial Interests of Supreme Court Justices", with Jordan Peterson and Thora Giallouri (under review).

"Are Foreign Citations a Threat to Courts? Judicial Globalization and its Effect on Court Legitimacy."

“Reasoning Globally: With a Little Help from Their Friends.”

“When do Courts Talk? Global Judicial Dialogue and the U.S. Courts of Appeals.”

“Are Americans Exceptional? A Study of Attitudes toward Courts”.

“What Motivates the Justices: Utilizing Automated Text Classification to Determine Supreme Court Justices' Preferences”, with Adam Feldman.

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2011-2017	University of Southern California Graduate Student Fellowship
January 2016	Southern Political Science Association, Prestage-Cook Travel Award
May 2016	University of Southern California, Center for International Studies Graduate Student Research Award, covered experimental research expenses
2015-2016	University of Southern California, Center for International Studies Dissertation Fellowship
Summer 2015	University of Southern California, School of International Relations Research Award, covered dissertation research expenses
Summer 2014	University of Southern California, School of International Relations Research Award, covered dissertation research expenses
Summer 2013	University of Southern California, Department of Political Science Research Award, covered experimental research expenses

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

“Reasoning Globally: With a Little from their Friends.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, Austin, TX, January 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

“Are Foreign Citations a Threat to Courts? Judicial Globalization and its Effect on Court Legitimacy.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

“Homines Economici: Judicial Decision-making and the Personal Financial Interests of Supreme Court Justices”, with Jordan Peterson and Thora Giallouri. Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference, San Diego, CA, March 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

“When do Courts Talk? Global Judicial Dialogue and the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Center for International Studies Working Paper Series, University of Southern California, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

“Packing the Courts: An Examination of Expansions to the Federal Judiciary from 1937 to 2012”, with Adam Feldman, Thora Giallouri and Jordan Peterson. Paper presented at the Southern Political Association Conference, Puerto Rico, January 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

“Packing the Courts: An Examination of Expansions to the Federal Judiciary from 1921 to 2012”, with Adam Feldman. Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV, April 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

“Words that Matter: Predicting Persuasive Briefs in the United States Supreme Court”, with Adam Feldman. Paper presented at the Western Empirical Legal Studies Conference, Los Angeles, CA, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

“Words that Matter: Predicting Persuasive Briefs in the United States Supreme Court”, with Adam Feldman. Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2009-2010                      Staff Assistant  
Armenian National Committee, Western Region; Los Angeles, CA  
Duties: Administrative assistance, community organizing, research
- 2009-2010                      Community Relations Chair  
Armenian National Committee, Hollywood Chapter; Los Angeles, CA  
Duties: Organizing events that promote the well-being of the community
- 2008                              Community and Government Affairs Intern  
Armenian National Committee, Western Region; Los Angeles, CA  
Duties: Administrative assistance, community organizing, research
- 2005-2007                      Researcher  
Armenian National Committee of Greece; Athens, Greece  
Duties: Collection and content analysis of newspaper archives

## **SKILLS**

Fluent in Greek and English, working knowledge of Italian, elementary knowledge of French and Armenian.  
Stata, Qualtrics, Microsoft Office.