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**Education**

**Ph.D., The Ohio State University, Department of Political Science, 2004**

Major Field: American Politics

Areas of Concentration: Judicial Politics and Bureaucracy/Regulation

Minor Field: Political Psychology

**Dissertation Title:** Motivated Reasoning in Legal Decision Making

**Committee Members:** Gregory A. Caldeira (Chair), Lawrence Baum, Thomas E. Nelson

**J.D., Fordham University School of Law, 1996**

**B.A., State University of New York at Binghamton, 1993**

(*summa cum laude*, with High Honors in Political Science)

Dual Major in Psychology and Political Science

**Undergraduate Honors Thesis:** The Political Contradictions of Modernity: A Comparative Study of the German Greens and the French National Front

**Academic Appointments**

August 2004 - Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Indiana University

**Book**

Braman, Eileen. (forthcoming, in press) *Law, Politics and Perception: How Policy Preferences Influence Legal Reasoning*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press.

**Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

Braman, Eileen and Abdulkader Sinno. (forthcoming) Can a Muslim Represent You?: Attributions for the Political Behavior of Muslim Candidates. *Politics & Religion*.

Braman, Eileen and Thomas E. Nelson. 2007. Mechanism of Motivated Reasoning?: Analogical Perception in Discrimination Disputes. *American Journal of Political Science* 51(4):940-56.

Braman, Eileen. 2006. Reasoning on the Threshold: Testing the Separability of Preferences in Legal Decision Making. *Journal of Politics* 68(2):308-321.

**Chapter in Edited Volume**

Braman, Eileen. (forthcoming, 2009) Searching for Constraint in Legal Decision Making. In *The Psychology of Judicial Decision Making*, David Klein and Gregory Mitchell (eds). New York: Oxford University Press.

### **Other Publications**

- Braman, Eileen. 2008. Catching Up to Move Ahead: Identifying and Filling Theoretical Gaps on Precedential Constraint and the Supreme Court. *Law and Courts* 18(1):13-16.
- Braman, Eileen. 2008. Review of *The Supreme Court Review 2006*, Edited by Dennis J. Hutchinson, David A. Strauss and Geoffrey R. Stone. *Law and Politics Book Review* 18(1):83-87.
- Braman, Eileen. 2006. Review of *Congress and the Constitution*, Edited by Neal Devins and Keith E. Whittington. *Perspectives on Politics* 4(2):382-384.
- Braman, Eileen. 2006. Review of *The Judiciary and American Democracy: Alexander Bickel, the Countermajoritarian Difficulty and Contemporary Constitutional Theory*, Edited by Kenneth D. Ward and Cecilia R. Castillo. *Law and Politics Book Review* 16(2):126-132.

### **Work in Progress**

- The Role of Self Interest and Sociotopic Concerns in Support for Healthcare Regulation (with Mike Ensley)
- Path Dependence in Studies of Legal Decision Making (with Mitchell Pickerill)
- Choosing Determinative Issues in Legal Decision Making
- Codification in Inter-branch Relations: Can Judge-Made Law Facilitate Legislative Policy Goals?

### **Current Research Interests**

- Legal Decision Making  
Congress/Court Relations  
Public Perceptions of Judicial and Bureaucratic Outputs  
Preemptive Self Regulation on the Part of Private Industry Actors

### **Professional Papers**

- Braman, Eileen. 2008. Choosing Determinative Issues in Legal Decision Making: An Experimental Approach. Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association in Chicago. August 28 - 31, 2008.
- Braman, Eileen. 2008. A Motivated Reasoning Approach to the Commerce Clause Interpretation of the Rehnquist Court. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago. April 3 – 6, 2008.
- Braman, Eileen. 2007. Constraint in Legal Decision Making. Presented at the Exploring the Judicial Mind Conference at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. March 29 – 30, 2007.
- Braman, Eileen. 2007. Justifying Outcomes? How Legal Decision Makers May Get to Where they Want to Go. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans. January 4 – 7, 2007.
- Braman, Eileen and Abdulkader Sinno. 2006. Can a Muslim Represent You?: Attributions for the Political Behavior of Muslim Candidates. Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia. August 30 – September 3, 2006.

Braman, Eileen and Michael J. Ensley. 2006. The Role of Self Interest and Sociotopic Concerns in Support for Healthcare Regulation. Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia. August 30 – September 3, 2006.

Braman, Eileen and Michael J. Ensley 2006. Determinants of support for State Intervention: A Look at Remedies against HMOs. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago. April 20 – 23, 2006.

Braman, Eileen. 2005. Codification in Inter-branch Relations: Can Judge-Made Law Facilitate Legislative Policy Goals?. Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association in Washington DC. August 31 – September 4, 2005.

Braman, Eileen. 2005. Justifying Outcomes? How Legal Decision Makers May Get to Where they Want to Go. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago. April 21 – 24, 2005.

Braman, Eileen. 2004. Mechanism of Motivated Reasoning? A Look at the Separability of Preferences in Legal Decision-Making. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago. April 20 – 23, 2004.

Braman, Eileen and Thomas E. Nelson. 2003. Mechanism of Motivated Reasoning?: Looking at the Analogical Perceptions of Undergraduates and Law Students in Discrimination Disputes. Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia. August 28 – 31, 2003.

Braman, Eileen, Thomas E. Nelson and Stephanie Maruska. 2002. Analogical Perception in Legal Reasoning. Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association in Boston. August 29 - September 1, 2002.

Nelson, Thomas E., Stephanie Maruska and Eileen Braman. 2002. What is the Issue? Legal and Media Constructions and Political Attitudes. Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association in Boston. August 29 - September 1, 2002.

### **Invited Research Presentations**

No Eyes but Our Own: How Political Views Influence Normative Legal Reasoning Processes, Invited Presentation at Northwestern University Law School (Seare Law and Political Economy Colloquium Series), October 20, 2008.

Also presented at Binghamton University November 14, 2008

Exploring the Boundaries of Discretion in Legal Decision Making, Invited Presentation at The Indiana University Law and Society Workshop, Indiana Law School, February 1, 2006.

Seeing What They Want?: Analogical Perception in Discrimination Disputes, Stony Brook University, Department of Political Science, November 21, 2005.

Empirical Studies of Legal Decision Making, Invited Guest Lecture, History of Law Seminar (Prof. Stephen Conrad), Indiana University Law School. November, 16, 2005.

Testing the Separability of Preferences in Legal Decision Making, Invited Presentations at the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University, February 7, 2005. Weekly Faculty Workshop, Indiana University School of Law, January 21, 2005.

Analogical Perception in Legal Decision Making, Invited Presentation at the Center for Law and Social Policy, Ohio State University School of Law, October 15, 2004.

## **Service**

Judicial Politics Section Head, 2009 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

Chair, 2007 (Member, 2008) Outstanding Professional Achievement Award Selection Committee. Midwest Political Science Association Women's Caucus.

Member, 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award Selection Committee. American Political Science Association, Law and Courts Section.

Panel Participant, 2006 "How to Get Your First Academic Job," Sponsored by the Midwest Political Science Association Women's Caucus. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association Chicago, IL. April 20-23.

Referee, National Science Foundation (Law and Social Science Program)

Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics*, 2007-

Editorial Board, *Justice System Journal*, 2006-

## **Reviewer**

*American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Justice System Journal*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *Politics & Policy*

## **Honors & Awards**

2002 Runner-up, Alice Paul Award for Best Dissertation Proposal Submitted by a Female Graduate Student given by the Women's Caucus of the American Political Science Association

1993 Recipient, State University of New York at Binghamton Award for Excellence in Political Science

Phi Beta Kappa

## **Grants/Fellowships**

Spring 2002 Award Recipient, Alumni Grant for Graduate Research and Scholarship University-wide competition for dissertation research funding. Award money used to fund decision making research using legally educated subjects.

Spring 2002 and Spring 2001 Award Recipient, PEGS Departmental Grant Ohio State Political Science Department competition for research support funds.

## **Professional Affiliations**

Member, American Political Science Association

Member, Midwest Political Science Association

Member, International Society of Political Psychology

Member, New York State Bar (Admitted to practice law in New York State)

## **Teaching Experience**

Assistant Professor, Indiana University (Autumn 2004-Present)

Instructor, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University (Summer 2001-Spring 2004)

### **Undergraduate Courses Taught**

Political Psychology

Constitutional Law & Government Powers

Introduction to American Government

Judicial Process

### **Graduate Courses**

Political Psychology (taught as joint graduate/undergraduate seminar)

Decision Making in Institutions

### **Additional Graduate Teaching Experience**

Facilitator, 1999, 2000, 2002 and 2003 International Society of Political Psychology Summer Institutes at Ohio State University

## **Other Significant Work Experience**

Attorney (September 1996 - July 1998)

Law Offices of Polstein, Ferrara, Dwyer and Speed

New York, New York

Legal Intern (Spring 1995)

Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York (Civil Division)

Brooklyn, New York

Legal Intern (Summer 1994)

The Honorable John S. Lockman, New York State Supreme Court

Mineola, New York

Intern (Summer 1992)

The New York City Mayor's HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council

New York, New York

## **References**

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Associate Professor, Thomas E. Nelson

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