

EILEEN BRAMAN
Associate Professor
Department of Political Science, Indiana University
1100 East Seventh Street
Bloomington, IN 47405
Email: ebraman@indiana.edu

Education

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

Major Field: American Politics // Minor Field: Political Psychology

Areas of Concentration: Judicial Politics and Bureaucracy/Regulation

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

Academic Appointments

July 2010 – Present

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Indiana University

August 2004 – June 2010

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Indiana University

Books

Braman, Eileen. *Constitutional Powers and Politics: How Citizens Think About Authority and Institutional Change*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press. 2023

*Braman, Eileen. *Law, Politics and Perception: How Policy Preferences Influence Legal Reasoning*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press. 2009.

***Winner C. Herman Pritchett Award for Best Book on Law and Courts given by the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association**

Peer Reviewed Articles

Braman Eileen. "Institutional Prospects: Exploring Perceptions of Past Benefits and Future Risks from Supreme Court Decisions and Support for Institutional Change." *Political Psychology* 44(1): 21-41, 2023. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.1111/pops.12815>

Braman, Eileen. "Assessing the Credibility of Constitutional Experts." *Journal of Law and Courts* 11(1): 86-103, 2023. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/jlc.2022.4>

Braman, Eileen. "Thinking About Government Authority: Constitutional Considerations and Political Context in Citizens' Assessments of Judicial, Legislative, and Executive Action," *American Journal of Political Science* 65(2): 389-404, 2021. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12582>

- Braman, Eileen. "Exploring Citizen Assessments of Unilateral Executive Authority," *Law and Society Review* 50(1):189-223, 2016.
- Braman, Eileen and Beth Easter. "Normative Legitimacy: Rules of Appropriateness in Citizens' Assessments of Individual Judicial Decisions," *Justice System Journal* 35(3); 239-268, 2014.
- Braman, Eileen and Abdulkader Sinno. "Can a Muslim Represent You?: An Experimental Investigation of Causal Attributions for the Political Behavior of Muslim Candidates," *Politics and Religion* 2(2): 247-276, 2009.
- Braman, Eileen and Thomas E. Nelson. "Mechanism of Motivated Reasoning?: Analogical Perception in Discrimination Disputes," *American Journal of Political Science* 51(4):940-56, 2007.
- Braman, Eileen. "Reasoning on the Threshold: Testing the Separability of Preferences in Legal Decision Making," *Journal of Politics* 68(2):308-321, 2006.

Book Chapters

- Braman, Eileen. "Cognitive Shortcomings in Comparative Judicial Behavior." in Lee Epstein, Gunnar Grendstad, Urska Sadl, and Keren Weinshall (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Judicial Behavior*. New York: Oxford University Press. 2023.
- Braman, Eileen. "Cognition in the Courts: A Critical Analysis of The Use of Experiments to Study Legal Decision Making," in Lee Epstein and Stefanie Lindquist (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of US Judicial Behavior*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017.
- Braman, Eileen and J. Mitchell Pickerill. "Path Dependence in Studies of Legal Decision Making." in *What's Law Got to Do with It?: What Judges Do, Why They Do It and What's at Stake*, Charles Gardner Geyh (ed). Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2011.
- Braman, Eileen. "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, 2010.

Public and Subfield Commentaries

- Braman, Eileen "Democrats are Discussing Changing the Supreme Court. What Do Americans Think?" *The Washington Post, Monkey Cage Blog*, October 6, 2020.
- Braman, Eileen. "Experiments in Law and Courts: Some Thoughts on Design and Context," *Law and Courts Newsletter* 24(1):10-13, 2014.
- Braman, Eileen. "Embracing Complexity in Legal Decision Making: A Psychological Approach," *Law and Courts Newsletter* 22(3):17-22, 2012.
- Braman, Eileen. "Catching Up to Move Ahead: Identifying and Filling Theoretical Gaps on Precedential Constraint and the Supreme Court" *Law and Courts Newsletter* 18(1):13-16, 2008.

Book Reviews

- Braman, Eileen. Review of *What Justices Want: Goals and Personality on the U.S. Supreme Court*, by Matthew E. Hall, *Law and Politics Book Review* 29(4):46-49, 2019.
- Braman, Eileen. Review of *These Estimable Courts: Understanding Public Perceptions of State Judicial Institutions and Legal Policy Making* by Damon Cann and Jeff Yates, *Political Science Quarterly* 132(2):384-385, 2017.
- Braman, Eileen. Review of *Without Fear or Favor: Judicial Independence and Judicial Accountability in the States* by G. Alan Tarr, *Perspectives on Politics* 11(3):960-2, 2013.
- Braman, Eileen. Reviews of *Strategy on the United States Supreme Court* by Saul Brenner and Joseph M. Whitmeyer, *Constitutional Conscience: The Moral Dimension of Judicial Decision* by H. Jefferson Powell, and *Beyond the Formalist-Realist Divide: The Role of Politics in Judging* by Brian Z. Tamanaha, *Perspectives on Politics* 8(2):681-683, 2010.
- Braman, Eileen. 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, 2008.
- Braman, Eileen. Review of *Congress and the Constitution*, Edited by Neal Devins and Keith E. Whittington *Perspectives on Politics* 4(2):382-384, 2006.
- Braman, Eileen. Review of *The Judiciary and American Democracy: Alexander Bickel, the Counter Majoritarian Difficulty and Contemporary Constitutional Theory*, edited by Kenneth D. Ward and Cecilia R. Castillo, *Law and Politics Book Review* 16(2):126-132, 2006.

Professional Papers

- Braman, Eileen, Udi Sommer and Olivier Kamoun, "Judicial Rights Protections and the Public: Evidence from Israel." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association. January 11-14, 2024.
- Braman, Eileen. "Electoral Prospects and Support for Constitutional Change." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 14-18, 2021.
- Braman, Eileen. "Assessing the Credibility of Constitutional Experts." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association. January 6-9, 2021.
- Braman, Eileen. "Testing a Prospect Theory Model of Support for Institutional Change on the Supreme Court." Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association. September 10-13, 2020.
- Braman, Eileen. "Thinking about Government Authority: Constitutional Rules and Political Context in Citizens' Assessments of Judicial, Legislative, and Executive Action." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago. April 4-7, 2019.
- Braman, Eileen and Jeffery A. Segal. "Are Judicial Preferences Separable? A Look at Threshold Decision Making on the Rehnquist and Roberts Courts." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 9-12, 2018.
- Braman, Eileen. "Constitutional Rules and Political Context in Assessments of National Legislative Authority." Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia. September 1-4, 2016.

Braman, Eileen. "Immigration and Gun Control: Exploring Citizens Assessments of Proposed Congressional Action." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago. April 16–19, 2015.

Braman, Eileen. "Exploring the Role of Constitutional Rules Public Opinion and Personal Preferences in Assessments of Executive Authority." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago. April 3–6, 2014.

Braman, Eileen and Beth Easter. "Disaggregating Legitimacy: Rule Following vs. Public Support." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago. April 12–15, 2012.

Braman, Eileen. "Democratic Crisis and Constraint: Considering the Normative Implications of Empirical Research on Legal Decision Making." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago. April 22-25, 2010.

Braman, Eileen and Mitchell Pickerill. "Path Dependence in Studies of Legal Decision Making. Presented at the What's Law Got to Do with It?" Conference at Indiana University Law School, Bloomington, March 27–28, 2009.

Braman, Eileen. "Choosing Determinative Issues in Legal Decision Making: An Experimental Approach." Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association in Boston. August 28-31, 2008.

Braman, Eileen. "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. "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 and Abdulkader Sinno. "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. "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. "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. "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. "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. "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. "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. "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. "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

Determinants of Support for Constitutional Change. Invited Presentation at the Indiana University School of Law Faculty Workshop, Maurer Law School, February 15, 2023.

Cognitive Short-Comings in Comparative Judicial Behavior. Workshop on Comparative Judicial Behavior. Hebrew University of Jerusalem. December 14-15, 2022.

Exploring the Role of Constitutional Rules, Public Opinion and Personal Preferences in Assessments of Executive Authority, Invited Presentation at Cornell University Law School, November 14, 2014.

Disaggregating Legitimacy: Rule Following vs. Public Support (with Beth Easter). Invited Presentation at the Indiana University Center for Law, Society and Culture Workshop, Maurer Law School, March 22, 2012.

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

Member, 2021. Lasting Contribution Award Committee. Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association

Member, 2019, 2020 Best Conference Paper Committee. Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association

Participant 2012. Roundtable on Psychological Approaches to Legal Decision Making. Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago. April 12-15.

Member, 2011 C. Herman Prichett Award Selection Committee. Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.

Judicial Politics Section Head, 2009 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association
Participant, 2008 Roundtable on "Asking and Answering Questions About Law and Courts" Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston. MA, August 28-31.

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

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

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 and Accountable Institutions and Behavior Panels, Ad Hoc Reviewer)

Referee Swiss National Science Foundation (Ad Hoc Reviewer)

Editorial Boards: *Journal of Politics*, 2007-2009, *Justice System Journal*, 2006-2022, *Law and Courts Newsletter*, May 2021-present.

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *Gender and Politics*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Law and Courts*, *Justice System Journal*, *Law and Society Review*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Politics and Policy*, *Polity*

Awards and Fellowships

2023 Short-Term Fellowship at the University of Tel Aviv's Center for the Study of The United States in Partnership with the Fulbright Program, Scheduled for June 4-15, 2023.

2017 Award Recipient Indiana University Institute for Advanced Study. Individual Research Award for Associate Professors.

2016 Timed Experiments for Social Sciences (TESS). Award to run Experiments with National Sample of Participants.

2010 Recipient, C. Herman Pritchett Award for Best Book on Law and Courts from the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association for *Law, Politics and Perception: How Policy Preferences Influence Legal Reasoning*

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

Spring 2002 Award Recipient, Alumni Grant for Graduate Research and Scholarship Ohio State 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.

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

Phi Beta Kappa

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

Associate and Assistant Professor, Indiana University (Autumn 2004-Present)
Instructor, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University (Summer 2001-Spring 2004)

Undergraduate Courses

Political Psychology
Constitutional Law & Government Powers
Civil Liberties
Introduction to American Government
Judicial Politics
Women and the Law

Graduate Courses

Introduction to the Study of American Politics: Approaches and Issues
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

Dissertation Committees: Beth Easter (2014, co-chair), Benjamin Woodson (2013, Stony Brook), Eric French (2013), Louis Fucilla (2015), Gordon Abner (2017), Alex Badas (2018, chair), Rira Nasser (2021), Odeh Halaseh (2022, Kent State), Michael Yontz (2022, Stony Brook)

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