

# Alex Badas

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## EMPLOYMENT

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The University of Houston

CLASS Research Excellence Professor Fall 2025–

Associate Professor of Political Science Fall 2024–

Faculty Affiliate, University of Houston Law Center Fall 2024–

Assistant Professor of Political Science Fall 2018–Summer 2024

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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Artabe, Eugenia, Alex Badas, and Lucia Lopez. 2026. "The Partisan Foundations of Attitudes towards State Supreme Courts." *Political Research Quarterly*. 79(1) 233–247.

Badas, Alex. 2026. "Judicial Ambition and the Crafting of Law: How Promotion Potential Shapes Appellate Opinions." *Political Research Quarterly*. 79(1) 17–28.

Badas, Alex and Billy Justus. 2025. "Measuring Ideological Polarization in State Supreme Courts 1970–2019." *Social Science Quarterly*.

Badas, Alex and Eric R. Schmidt. 2025. "Social Imagery and Subjective Ideological Proximity to the Supreme Court: Evidence from Evangelical Christians." *Political Research Quarterly*. 78(2) 768–782.

Badas, Alex and Katelyn E. Stauffer. 2025. "Legislative Diversity and the Rise of Women Judicial Nominees." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. 13(2) 476–484.

Badas, Alex. 2025. "Measuring Ideological Polarization on the Circuit Courts of Appeals 1953–2022." *Journal of Law and Courts*. 13(2) 463–478.

Badas, Alex, Bailey K. Sanders, and Katelyn E. Stauffer. 2025. "The Role of Judge Gender and Ideology in Hiring Female Law Clerks." *Journal of Law and Courts*. 13(2) 397–419.

Badas, Alex and Eric R. Schmidt. 2024. "Social Imagery and Judicial Legitimacy: Evidence from Evangelical Christians." *Political Research Quarterly*. 77(1) 137–151.

Badas, Alex and Billy Justus. 2024. "Millionaire Justices and Attitudes towards the Supreme Court." *Political Behavior*. 46 1985–2004.

Artabe, Eugenia and Alex Badas. 2023. "Measuring the Countermajoritarian Nature of Supreme Court Decisions." *The Journal of Legal Studies*. 50(2) 345–375.

Badas, Alex and Billy Justus. 2023. "Media Attention and Deliberation on the Supreme Court." *Political Research Quarterly*. 72(2) 757–769.

Badas, Alex. 2023. "Motivated Reasoning and Attitudes Towards Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings: Evidence from Five Nominations and an Experiment." *Political Research Quarterly*. 72(2) 540–552.

Badas, Alex and Katelyn E. Stauffer. 2023. "Descriptive Representation, Judicial Nominations, and Perceptions of Presidential Accomplishment." *Representation*. 59(2) 249–270.

Badas, Alex and Katelyn E. Stauffer. 2023. "Gender and Ambition among Potential Law Clerks." *Journal of Law and Courts*. 11(1) 116–140.

*Honorable Mention, Best Conference Paper Award, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association.*

Badas, Alex, Billy Justus, and Siyu Li. 2022. "Assessing the Influence of the Supreme Court's Shadow Docket in the Judicial Hierarchy." *Justice System Journal*. 43(4) 609–622.

Badas, Alex and Elizabeth N. Simas. 2022. "The Supreme Court as an Electoral Issue: Evidence from Three Studies." *Political Science Research and Methods*. 10(1) 49–67.

*Best Journal Article Award, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association.*

Badas, Alex. 2021. "The Chief Justice and Judicial Legitimacy: Evidence from the Influence of Public Opinion." *Justice System Journal*. 42(2) 150–163.

Badas, Alex. 2020. "Elevation Potential Among Circuit Court Nominees and Its Effect on the Senate's Confirmation Behavior." *Political Research Quarterly*. 73(1) 96–110.

Badas, Alex. 2019. "Policy Disagreement and Judicial Legitimacy: Evidence from the 1937 Court Packing Plan." *The Journal of Legal Studies*. 42(2) 277–308.

Badas, Alex. 2019. "The Applied Legitimacy Index: A New Approach to Measuring Judicial Legitimacy." *Social Science Quarterly*. 100(5) 1848–1861.

Badas, Alex and Katelyn E. Stauffer. 2019. "Voting for Women in Nonpartisan and Partisan Elections." *Electoral Studies*. 57 245–255.

Badas, Alex and Katelyn E. Stauffer. 2019. "Michelle Obama as a Political Symbol: Race, Gender and Public Opinion towards the First Lady." *Politics & Gender*. 15(3) 431–459.

Badas, Alex and Katelyn E. Stauffer. 2018. "Someone Like Me: Descriptive Representation and Support for Supreme Court Nominees." *Political Research Quarterly*. 70(1) 127–142.

Badas, Alex. 2016. "The Public's Motivated Response to Supreme Court Decision-Making." *Justice System Journal*. 37(4) 318–330.

## GRANTS

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Small Grant Program, University of Houston. 2025. [\$18,000 — \$10,000 from grant, \$8,000 from department matching funds]

Research Progress Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, University of Houston. 2024. [\$4,000]

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association. 2022. [\$500]

New Faculty Research Grant, University of Houston. 2019. [\$6,000]

Research Progress Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, University of Houston. 2019. [\$4,000]

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

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American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2014
Law and Courts Section of the APSA Virtual Brownbag	2021
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2014–2017
Robert H. Jackson Center	2022
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2022
Texas American Politics Symposium	2019
Utah Valley University Center for Constitutional Studies	2021

## TEACHING

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**Undergraduate:** Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties and Rights; Current Issues in Law, Politics, and Society; Introduction to American Government; Introduction to Law; Judicial Behavior; The Supreme Court

**Graduate:** Judicial Processes

## SERVICE

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**University:** Faculty Senator, Research and Scholarship Committee (Fall 2024 – Summer 2025)

**College:** Graduate Scholarship Committee (Spring 2023); Research and Scholarship Committee (Fall 2023 – Summer 2025; Chair Fall 2024 – Summer 2025)

**Department:** Technology Committee (Fall 2018 – Summer 2020; Chair Fall 2021 – Summer 2025); Ad Hoc Speaker Series Committee (2020–2021); Ad Hoc Committee for American and Policy Hiring (Spring 2024); American Politics and Policy Hiring Committee (Fall 2024 – Spring 2025); American Political Thought Hiring Committee, *Chair* (Fall 2025); Introduction to American and Texas Government Textbook Selection Committee (Fall 2025 –

Spring 2026); Co-organizer, Conference on Representation and Judicial Legitimacy (Spring 2026)

**Discipline:** Discussant, Junior Law and Politics Research Community (Fall 2023, Fall 2024); C. Herman Pritchett Award Committee (2025); American Political Science Association Mentor Program (Spring 2025); *Journal of Law and Courts* Editor Search Committee (Fall 2025–Spring 2026)

**Reviewer:** *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Politics Research*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Electoral Studies*; *Election Law Journal*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *Journal of Law and Courts*; *Journal of Legal Studies*; *Journal of Politics*; *Justice System Journal*; *Law & Society Review*; *Northwestern Law Review*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Communication*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Politics & Gender*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *Polity*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Representation*; *Research and Politics*; *Review of Law & Economics*; *Social Science Quarterly*; *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*; *Urban Affairs Review*

## EDUCATION

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Indiana University

Ph.D., Political Science