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Biography

Ryan C. Black is Professor of Political Science at Michigan State University and a faculty affiliate with the MSU College of Law. His research focuses on U.S. Supreme Court decision making. He has published two books with Cambridge University Press and one with the University of Michigan Press. He has also published over 50 articles or chapters in a variety of peer-reviewed political science journals (e.g., American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics), peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journals (e.g., Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Journal of Law and Courts), and law reviews (e.g., Georgetown Law Journal). His work has also been funded by the National Science Foundation. Black is a recipient of an MSU Lilly Teaching Fellowship (2012-2013), a 2014 winner of MSU's campus-wide Teacher-Scholar Award, the 2016 winner of the College of Social Science Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Award, the 2017 winner of MSU's Honors College Award for Distinguished Contributions to Honors Students, a winner of the 2018 MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Award, and the 2019 winner of the President's Distinguished Teaching Award. His teaching interests focus on judicial politics and integrative social science. He joined MSU in 2009 after receiving his Ph.D. in political science from Washington University in St. Louis earlier that same year. He earned his bachelor's degree, also in political science, in 2004 from the University of Minnesota.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Political Organization, Judiciary

Areas of Expertise

Legal Institutions, US Supreme Court, Judicial Politics

Affiliations

Award Committee Member. Lasting Contribution (Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2011).

Education

Washington University in St. Louis

Ph.D. Political Science.

Washington University in St. Louis
A.M. Political Science.

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
B.A. Political Science

Accomplishments

Teacher-Scholar Award
2014 Michigan State University

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