Kyle J. Morgan, Ph.D.

Curriculum Vitae (Updated September 2026)

Francis Marion University
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Education

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey (2020)

Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2020

-Dissertation: "Is Anyone Worried About Judicial Review? Attitudes Towards Judicial Review in an Era of Political Turmoil"

-Committee: Milton Heumann (Chair), Lisa Miller, Richard Lau, Susan Lawrence, David Redlawsk (University of Delaware)

-Fields: American Politics, Public Law, Women and Politics

Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison New Jersey (2011)

B.A., Political Science, Cum Laude

Minor in Legal Studies

Academic Appointments

Department of Political Science and Geography, Francis Marion University 2021 - Present

-Assistant Professor

(Offered courses in Public Law, American Politics, and Criminal Justice)

Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling (ECPIP), Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

-Research Associate 2020 - 2026

-Research Assistant 2018 - 2020

Department of Political Science, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey 2016 - 2021

-Part-Time Lecturer, taught courses in American Politics and Public Law

Peer Reviewed Publications

Katie Krumbholz, **Kyle J. Morgan**, Milton Heumann, Lance Cassak, Alice Militaru, and Lauren Johnson. *Forthcoming*. Trust us, this is for your own good: Rethinking Americans' Attitudes Towards Privacy, Big Tech, and The Exchange Model. *Journal of Political Science*

Roberti, Amanda, **Kyle J. Morgan**, and Katie Krumbholz. *Published online 2025*. Women or Fetuses First? Experimentally Evaluating the Shifting Frames of the Abortion Debate. *Politics & Gender*. https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X25100561

Morgan, Kyle J. 2024. Legislative Attitudes Toward Judicial Review and Reconceptualizing the Counter-Majoritarian Dilemma. *Constitutional Studies*, 9(1): 115-151

Krumbholz, Katie, Alice Militaru, and **Kyle J. Morgan.** 2024. Tracking The Trackers: 'Menstruapp' Privacy Policies Following the Dobbs Decision. *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy.* https://doi.org/10.1080/1554477X.2024.2300103

Morgan, Kyle J., Jessica L. Roman, Debra Borie-Holtz, Ashley Koning, and Madison Holtz. 2023. So You Want to Survey a State Legislator? Call me, Maybe. *Survey Practice*. https://doi.org/10.29115/SP-2023-0018.

Heumann, Milton, **Kyle J. Morgan**, Katie Krumbholz, Alice Militaru & Lance Cassak. 2023. Strange, Unusual, and Creative Sentences: Analyzing "Outside the Box" Criminal Sentencing. *Victims & Offenders*, 18(8): 1446-1473, DOI: 10.1080/15564886.2023.2249877

Peabody, Bruce and **Kyle J. Morgan**. 2022. From The Company Town To The Innovation Zone: Frontiers of Public Policy, the State Action Doctrine, and the First Amendment. *British Journal of American Legal Studies*. *11(1): 37-59* DOI: 10.2478/bjals-2021-0006

Morgan, Kyle J. and William Young. 2019. What Counter-Majoritarian Dilemma? Experimentally Evaluating Citizens' Views of the Democratic Nature of the Supreme Court. *Constitutional Studies*. 5(1): 1-29

Morgan, Kyle J. and Bruce Peabody. 2014. What We Talk About When We Talk About Courts: Congressional Websites and Changing Attitudes Towards the Judiciary, 2009-2014. *British Journal of American Legal Studies*. 3(2): 335-366

Peabody, Bruce and **Kyle J. Morgan**. 2013. Hope, Fear and Loathing, and the Post-Sebelius Disequilibrium: Assessing the Relationship Between Parties, Congress, and Courts in Tea Party America. *British Journal of American Legal Studies*. 2(1): 27-58

Law Review Publications

Graham, Jessica R. and **Kyle J. Morgan**. 2022. God, Guns, and Hair Salons: Public Perceptions of Rights and Liberties During The COVID-19 Pandemic. *The West Virginia Law Review*. 125(1) 87-122

Peabody, Bruce and **Kyle J. Morgan.** 2022. The Case of the Smart City. *The Brigham Young University Journal of Public Law.* 36(1): 51-80

Book Chapters

Morgan, Kyle J. 2021. "Experimentally Measuring Responsiveness to Criticisms of the U.S. Supreme Court as Anti-Democratic" in R. Spill Solberg and E. Waltenburg (eds), *Open Judicial Politics: An Empirical Reader* (Oregon State University) https://open.oregonstate.education/open-judicial-politics/

Works In Progress

"Monsters, A Journalist, and Two Comedians Walk into a Courtroom: Using the Alex Jones Defamation Lawsuits to Demystify Civil Procedure" Under review at The Journal of Political Science Education
-with Jessica R. Graham

"Are you seeing this? A conjoint experiment on Americans' attitudes towards surveillance" Under review at Law and Society Review
- with Dr. Milton Heumann, Dr. Katie Krumbholz, Alice Militaru, Lauren Johnson, and Lance Cassak

"The Cookie Platter Doctrine: Privacy, Platforms, and the Modern Surveillance State" Book project that explores the expanding collaboration between private tech companies and government agencies, framing this relationship as a contemporary analogue to the pre-Elkins "silver platter" doctrine. Integrating legal analysis with research on public attitudes toward surveillance and data sharing, the book examines how Americans evaluate legitimacy, consent, and civil liberties in an era of pervasive data collection.
-with Dr. Milton Heumann, Dr. Katie Krumbholz, and Lance Cassak

"Promise of Heaven or Protection from Hell?: Religious Belief Predictors of Voting in the 2008, 2012, and 2016 U.S. Presidential Elections" (Under Review at the Journal Politics & Religion)
-with Ashley N. Krause, S. Elisha LePine and Dr. Megan C. Haggard

Research Interests

Public Law, Public Opinion, Experimental Methods, Political Behavior, Women and Politics, Politics of Surfing, Criminal Justice, Civil Liberties and Rights

Awards, Grants, and Funding

-Contributed to the polling data and analysis used in NJ Advance Media's "Project Extremism" which was awarded Syracuse University's New House School of Public Communications 2025 Toner Prize for Excellence in Local Political Reporting
-Francis Marion University Summer Research Stipend
Years Awarded: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
-Francis Marion University Professional Development Fund, Conference Travel
Years Awarded: 2022, 2023, 2023, 2025, 2026
-Francis Marion University Professional Development, Research Fund
Years Awarded: 2023
-Clyde Mitchell Bequest (with Milton Heumann, Katie Krumbholz, Alice Militaru, Lauren Johnson, Lance Cassak, Christopher Slipiec, and Leo Affouf) (Department of Political Science, Rutgers University), 2024
-Francis Marion University Department of Political Science and Geography Microgrant, 2024

-Clyde Mitchell Bequest (with Milton Heumann, Katie Krumbholz, Alice Militaru, Lauren Johnson, and Lance Cassak) (Department of Political Science, Rutgers University), 2023
-Kneller Fund Research Grant (with Milton Heumann, Katie Krumbholz and Alice Militaru), (Rutgers University), 2020-2021
-Kneller Fund for Undergraduate Teaching, Political Science Department (Rutgers University), 2020
-Conference Travel Award, Rutgers University School of Graduate Studies, 2020
-Conference Travel Grant, Political Science Department (Rutgers University), 2019
-Prestige-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2019
-Conference Travel Grant, Political Science Department (Rutgers University), 2018
-Rutgers School of Graduate Studies Conference Travel Award, 2018
-Teaching Assistant and Graduate Assistant Professional Development Fund Award (Rutgers University), 2018
-Stanley H. and Claire A. Friedelbaum Endowed Graduate Student Dissertation Fund (Rutgers University), 2018
-Teaching Assistant and Graduate Assistant Professional Development Fund Award (Rutgers University), 2017
-Conference Travel Grant, Political Science Department (Rutgers University), 2017
-Conference Travel Grant, Public Law Sub-Field (Rutgers University), 2017
-Stanley H. and Claire A. Friedelbaum Endowed Graduate Student Dissertation Fund (Rutgers University), 2017
-PA/NJ Chapter of the American Association of Public Opinion Research Student Paper Competition, 3rd Prize, 2016
-Experimental Research Grant, Center for the Experimental Study of Politics and Psychology (Rutgers University), 2015
-Eagleton Fellowship, Harold and Reba Martin Award (Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University), 2014/2015
-Conference Travel Grant, Political Science Department (Rutgers University), 2014
-Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honors Society (Undergraduate), 2010
-Phi Omega Epsilon Honors (Undergraduate), 2010
-Phi Zetta Kappa Honors (Undergraduate), 2009

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor, Francis Marion University:
Courses taught in multiple semesters:
U.S. Government
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
Intro to Criminal Justice
Rights of the Accused
Model UN Experience
Introduction to Environmental Law
Introduction to Law

Courses taught one semester:
Honors Section of US Government

Judicial Politics
Public Opinion
I Always Feel Like Someone's Watching Me: Privacy in the Digital Age (Honors Seminar)

Instructor/Part Time Lecturer, Rutgers University:
Law and Politics: Spring 2021
American Constitutional Law: Fall 2020
Elections and Participation: Fall 2020
Judicial Politics: Fall 2019/2020, Spring 2021
Introduction to American Government (Online): Fall 2015, Spring 2016
Expository Writing: Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant, Rutgers University:
Politics of Crime and Criminal Justice: Fall 2016 - 2020
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights: Spring 2017 - 2020
Introduction to Political Science Research Methods: Fall 2015, Spring 2016
Law and Politics: Spring 2016
Expository Writing: Fall 2016/2017

Conference Presentations

"But Only if I'm Anonymous: A Conjoint Analysis of Attitudes Towards Online Data Collection." With Katie Krumbholz, Milton Heumann, Lance Cassak, Lauren Johnson, and Alice Militaru
-Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans LA, January 16, 2026

"It Takes a Community… and a Campus: A Follow-up to the Five-Decade Multi-Mode Study of Rutgers University's Surrounding Hispanic Community in New Brunswick, New Jersey" with Ashley Koning, Debbie Borie-Holtz, Jessica L. Roman and David Martin
- American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, Atlanta GA, May 15, 2024

"With Liberty and Justice For All (Who Answer the Survey): A Multi-Mode Survey of State Legislators on Threats, Security, and Safety While Serving in Public Office with Ashley Koning, Debbie Borie-Holtz, Jessica L. Roman and Maddie Holtz
- American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, Atlanta GA, May 15, 2024

"Ostriches or Meerkats? Analyzing Attitudes Towards Privacy" with Katie Krumbolz, Milton Heumann, Lauren Johnson, Alice Militaru, and Lance Cassak
- American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, Atlanta GA, May 15, 2024

"Panels, SMS, and RDD, Oh My! A Tri-Mode Statewide Polling Experiment Between Rutgers-Eagleton/SSRS Garden State Probability Panel, Texting, and RDD" with Ashley Koning, Chintan Turakhia, Kyle Barta, Debbie Borie-Holtz, and Jessica L. Roman
- American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, Atlanta GA, May 17, 2024

"Ostriches or Meerkats? Analyzing Attitudes Towards Privacy" with Katie Krumbolz, Milton Heumann, Lauren Johnson, Alice Militaru, and Lance Cassak
-Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans LA, January 11, 2024

"Period Tracking Applications and Digital Privacy Following the Dobbs Decision" with Alice Militaru and Katie Krumbholz
-Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, San Juan PR, June 3, 2023

"Campus, Community, and Engagement: A Five Decade Study of Rutgers University's Surrounding Hispanic Community in New Brunswick New Jersey" (one of ten presentations designated as an "AAPOR Spotlight Presentation") with Ashley Koning, Debbie Borie-Holtz, Jessica Roman, and Jaymie Santiago
-American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, Philadelphia PA, May 11, 2023

"Hard-to Reach but Not Hard to Survey (By Text)" with Ashley Koning, Debbie Borie-Holtz, Jessica Roman, Shennell McCloud, and Katie Krumbholz
-American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, Philadelphia PA, May 11, 2023

"Would a Cell By Any Other Mode Work as Well? Implementing Text-to-Web in Representative Dual-Frame Surveys" with Ashley Koning, Debbie Borie-Holtz, Jessica Roman, David Martin, and Katie Krumbholz
-American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, Philadelphia PA, May 11, 2023

"Recruitment and Mode Choices with Elite Populations: Surveying Elected and Appointed Offices in New Jersey" with Ashley Koning, Debbie Borie-Holtz, Jessica Roman, Jean Sinzdak, Chelsea Hill, Elaine Rickards, and Maddie Holtz
-American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, Philadelphia PA, May 12, 2023

"Unusual Sentences and Punishment Equivalents" with Milton Heumann, Katie Krumbholz, Alice Militaru, and Lance Cassak
-Global Meeting on Law and Society, Lisbon Portugal, July 13, 2022

"Phone Calling – Fuhgeddaboudit? The Implications of Mode Effects In Pre-Election Polling On The 2021 New Jersey Governor's Race" with Ashley Koning, Debra Borie-Holtz, and Jessica Roman
-American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, Chicago IL, May 13, 2022

"Experimentally measuring responsiveness to criticisms of the U.S. Supreme Court as anti-democratic"
-Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan PR, January 11, 2020

"Women or Fetuses First? Experimentally Evaluating the Shifting Frames of the Abortion Debate" with Amanda Roberti
-Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan PR, January 9, 2020

"Public Opinion, Democracy, and the Supreme Court: Analyzing the relationship between support for democracy and judicial legitimacy"
-Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan PR, January 9, 2020

"Friend, Foe, or Punching Bag? Attitudes of Elected Officials Towards Judicial Review"
-Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME, April 27, 2019

"Are We Alone in Our Concerns About Judicial Review? Elected Officials Attitudes Towards Judicial Review"
-Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, January 17, 2019

"Friend, Foe, or Punching Bag: Attitudes of Elected Officials Towards Judicial Review"
-Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2018

"What Counter-Majoritarian Dilemma? Experimentally Evaluating Citizens Views of the Democratic Nature of the Supreme Court" with William Young
-Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 6, 2018

"What Counter-Majoritarian Dilemma? Experimentally Evaluating Citizens Views of the Democratic Nature of the Supreme Court" with William Young
-International Meeting on Law and Society, Mexico City, MEX, June 23, 2017

"The Power of a Picture: The relationship between support for the Supreme Court and the symbols of judicial legitimacy"
-Pennsylvania/New Jersey Chapter of the American Association of Public Opinion Research (PANJAAPOR) Spring Event Student Paper Presentation, Philadelphia, PA, March 30, 2017

"The Power of a Picture: The relationship between support for the Supreme Court and the symbols of judicial legitimacy"
-Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Newport, RI, April 23, 2016

"Decisions or Trust? The influence of Supreme Court Decisions on Legitimacy"
-2015 Philadelphia Region American Politics Conference, Philadelphia, PA, September 18, 2015

"Postcards from the Edge or a House on Fire? Congressional Websites and Norms of Judicial Independence, 2009-2014" with Bruce Peabody
-Annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Woodstock, VT, April 26, 2014

"Funhouse Mirrors, Canaries, and Disequilibrium: Assessing the Relationship between Parties, Congress, and the Courts in Tea Party America" with Bruce Peabody
-Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portsmouth, NH, April 27, 2012

Invited Talks/Non-Conference Presentations

"Constitution Day 2026- Flock and the 4th Amendment"

-Francis Marion University, September 17, 2026

"Pressing Issues @ the Library" Guest Speaker on ALPR Cameras with Florence Police Chief Greene and City Manager Davis
-Florence, South Carolina, September 10, 2026

"The State of the Judiciary" Invited guest lecture for Dr. David White's "An Assessment of the Trump Presidency" course as part of the FMU Evening College
-Florence, South Carolina, September 30, 2025

"SCOTUS Watch" Invited Guest Speaker for Pee Dee Equality
-Florence, South Carolina, September 26, 2025

"Constitution Day 2025 – Mock Constitutional Amendment Debate" With Dr. Rick Almeida
-Francis Marion University, September 17, 2025

Humanities and Social Sciences Symposium Presentation: "Ostriches or Meerkats? A Conjoint Experiment Analyzing Americans' Attitudes Towards Privacy"
-Francis Marion University, April 8th, 2025

"Trust Us, This Is For Your Own Good: Rethinking Americans' Attitudes Towards Privacy, Big Tech, and the Exchange Model"
-Francis Marion University Department of Political Science And Geography Faculty Research Brown Bag Series, September 12, 2024

Invited panelist as a part of the "Fighting Voter Suppression and the Erosion of Democracy at the Polls" 2024 McClain Lecture Series
-Florence, South Carolina, January 23, 2024

"A Crash Course in the Criminal Justice System" Guest Lecture in Dr. Shayna Wrighten's "Neurobiology of Crime" Honors Course
-Francis Marion University, September 20, 2023

"Giving a Voice to the Voiceless" panelist on the *This Moment in Democracy* Podcast hosted by Saladin Ambar with Ashley Koning, Debra Borie-Holtz, and Jessica Roman
-October 11, 2022

Constitution Day 2022 "Race, Criminal Justice, and the U.S. Constitution" Q/A discussant with Dr. Dillon Tatum
-Francis Marion University, September 19, 2022

Pi Sigma Alpha Induction Ceremony Keynote speaker: "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: The Future of the Supreme Court in a Polarized Nation"

-Francis Marion University, April 18, 2022

Humanities and Social Sciences Symposium: Researching (in) The COVID-19 Pandemic: "God, Guns, and Hair Salons: Attitudes Towards Rights and Liberties During a Global Pandemic"
-Francis Marion University, February 10, 2022

Florham Institute For Lifelong Learning Forum Series "God, Guns, and Hair Salons: Attitudes Towards Rights and Liberties During a Global Pandemic"
-Fairleigh Dickinson University, January 24, 2022

Constitution Day 2021 "Is It Time to Amend the U.S. Constitution" With David White, Dillon Tatum Laruen Perez, and Rick Almeida
-Francis Marion University, September 15, 2021

Additional Work and Experience

Research Assistant (2018-2020) and Research Associate (2020 – 2026) at the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling. Aid in the design, implementation, and analysis of statewide and national public opinion polls for the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling and in coordination with other academic, professional, and business clients that contract with the poll. Polling has been covered by state and national media. Assisted with projects from clients including The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, Rutgers University, New Jersey State Department of Children and Families, The Gun Violence Research Center, and the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey.

Rutgers University Pre-law advisor, 2018 - 2021. Worked with Dr. Milton Heumann and Dr. Carl Kirschner to run weekly pre-law advising meetings. Advising students who are interested in attending law school and assisting those who are currently applying by reviewing application materials, preparing them for the LSAT, and weigh options upon admission.

Graduate Assistant (2019-2020) and Fellowship Assistant (2020-2021) for Dr. Lisa Miller and the Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship Program in Leadership and Social Policy, Responsible for assisting in scheduling events, trips, and speakers for the program. The fellowship provides an opportunity for a small number of juniors to deepen their understanding of major global issues, to develop strong leadership skills, and to take a prominent role in addressing these issues going forward. Also responsible for assisting the fellows with their research and prepare presentations of their research at the Annual Policy Conference.

Lab scheduler and coordinator for the Center for Experimental Study of Politics and Psychology (CESPP) at Rutgers University, 2015-2016.

Researcher for the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, 2015. Conducted research involving annual lobbying disclosure forms. Findings were reported in a press release covering New Jersey lobbyist behavior. Results were reported on by njspotlight.com, nj.com, and Trentonian.com. Also provided guidance on the implementation of an electronic filing system for New Jersey Lobbying Disclosure Forms.

Florham Laboratory for Experimental Social Sciences (FLESS), 2008 and 2011. Managed lab experiments for Prof. John Schiemann (Fairleigh Dickinson University).

Research Assistant to Prof. Bruce Peabody (Fairleigh Dickinson University), 2009 and 2010. Data collection and analysis for "The Politics of Judicial Independence" 2010, published by John Hopkins University Press.

University, Department, and Discipline Service

Francis Marion University, Faculty Advisor for the Francis Marion University Mock Trial Club, 2025-Present. Worked with students to establish a competitive mock trial team at Francis Marion University.

Editorial Board Member of the Journal of Political Science, 2025 – Present. Assist in the reviewing submissions and publication of the Journal of Political Science.

Francis Marion University, College of Liberal Arts Elections Committee Member, 2024 – Present. Assist in faculty governance and the running of elections within the College of Liberal Arts.

Francis Marion University, Creator and organizer of Departmental Research Presentations, 2023 - Present. These events allow faulty in the department the chance to share their ongoing research projects and then solicit feedback and suggestions from other members of the Political Science and Geography Department.

Francis Marion University, Assisted in the creation of the Criminal Justice major, 2023-2024, program official launched as a major in 2024. Worked with administration and members of the Sociology Department, in conjunction with Dr. Tatum from the Political Science Department to design the program and work with the state committees on higher education to get the program approved.

Francis Marion University, Faculty Co-Advisor with Dr. Lauren Perez for the Francis Marion University Chapter of the South Carolina Student Legislature (SCSL), 2023 - 2024. Students in this club work together to craft bills and then vote on them at a mock legislative session. Advised students on the legislative process. Delegation awarded the "Best Small Delegation Award" in 2024.

Francis Marion University, Member of the Humanities and Social Sciences Symposium (HSSS) Committee, 2022 – Present. Brings together faculty within the Humanities and Social Sciences to discuss their ongoing research.

Francis Marion University, Faculty Advisor for The Co-Exist Club, 2022- 2024. Faculty advisor for a student organization on campus which provides a safe meeting space for students of all religious beliefs, gender identities, and sexual orientations.

Rutgers University, Committee Member, 2020 – 2021, Eagleton Institute of Politics Advisory Committee on Implementing Core Values. Committee organized in the wake of the 2020 protests of police brutality to ensure that Eagleton acts upon its goals and values of diversity, inclusion, and engagement.

Professional Memberships/Affiliations

American Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Law and Society Association

Invited Peer-reviewer

Polity
Political Research Quarterly
Commonwealth: A Journal of Pennsylvania Politics & Policy

References available upon request.