

Kyle C. Kopko, Ph.D.

Elizabethtown College
One Alpha Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Office Phone: (717) 361-1990
E-Mail: kopkok@etown.edu
Website: www.kylekopko.com

Professional Experience

- 2016-Present Assistant Dean for Academic Achievement and Engagement;
Associate Professor of Political Science
Elizabethtown College. Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.
- 2015-Present Director of the Elizabethtown College Honors Program
Elizabethtown College. Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.
- 2012-Present Director of the Legal Studies Major
Elizabethtown College. Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania
- 2010-Present Director of the Pre-Law Program
Elizabethtown College. Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.
- 2010-2016 Assistant Professor of Political Science
Elizabethtown College. Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

Education

- 2007-2010 Ph.D. in Political Science
The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio.
Major: American Politics, with a concentration in
Judicial Politics and Public Law.
Minor: Political Psychology
- 2005-2007 M.A. in Political Science
The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio.
- 2002-2005 B.A. in Political Science, *Cum Laude*
Elizabethtown College. Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

Academic and Scholarly Publications

* Denotes undergraduate or alumni co-author

- ❖ **Kopko, Kyle C.**, Grant Keener, Paula Knudsen-Burke, Dianne McDonald, William S. Schweers, and Michael Vitlip. Forthcoming. “Four Variations in Delivery and Design of Mock Trial for the Undergraduate Student.” *Journal of Experiential Learning*.
- ❖ Woessner, Matthew, Kathleen Winters, and **Kyle C. Kopko**. Forthcoming. “Bridge Over the River Qua: Using Simulations to Span the Divide Between Pre-Law and Political Science Students.” *Journal of Political Science Education*.
- ❖ Devine, Christopher J., and **Kyle C. Kopko**. 2016. The VP Advantage: How Running Mates Influence Home State Voting in Presidential Elections. Manchester: Manchester University Press.
- ❖ **Kopko, Kyle C.**, Ashley Edwards*, Erin Krause*, and Vincent James McGonigle*. 2016. “Assessing Outcomes of National Science Foundation Grants in the Social Sciences.” *CUR Quarterly* (Council on Undergraduate Research) 36 (3): 4-10.
- ❖ Shah, Rita, and **Kyle C. Kopko**. 2016. “Feminist Pedagogy and the Socratic Method: Partners in the Classroom or a Disaster Waiting to Happen?” *Higher Education Studies* 6 (2): 39-49.
- ❖ **Kopko, Kyle C.**, E. Fletcher McClellan, Christopher J. Devine, Jillian Casey*, and Julia Ward*. 2015. “The Politics of the Presidential Medal of Freedom: A Fifty-Year Analysis, 1963-2013.” *New England Journal of Political Science* 8 (2): 156-184.
- ❖ **Kopko, Kyle C.**, and Erin Krause*. 2015. “Shooting from the Hip: Concealed Cameras in the United States Supreme Court.” *Judicature* 99(2): 60-67.
- ❖ **Kopko, Kyle C.** 2015. “Litigant Partisan Identity and Challenges to Campaign Finance Policies: An Examination of U.S. District Court Decisions, 1971-2007.” *Justice System Journal* 36(3): 212-232.
- ❖ Devine, Christopher J., and **Kyle C. Kopko**. 2013. “Presidential Versus Vice Presidential Home State Advantage: A Comparative Analysis of Electoral Significance, Causes, and Processes, 1884-2008.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. 43(4): 814-838.
- ❖ **Kopko, Kyle C.** 2012. “Religious Identity and Political Participation in the Mennonite Church USA.” *Politics & Religion* 5(2): 367-393.
- ❖ **Kopko, Kyle C.** 2012. “Jury Nullification,” in David Shultz, ed., The Encyclopedia of American Law and Criminal Justice. New York: Facts on File.
- ❖ **Kopko, Kyle C.**, Sarah M. Bryner, Jeffrey L. Budziak, Christopher J. Devine, and Steven P. Nawara. 2011. “In the Eye of the Beholder? Motivated Reasoning in Disputed Elections.” *Political Behavior* 33(2): 271-290.
- ❖ Devine, Christopher J., and **Kyle C. Kopko**. 2011. “The Vice Presidential Home State Advantage, Reconsidered: Accounting for the Effects of Home State Political Experience Among Vice Presidential Candidates, 1884-2008.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 41(1): 1-17.
- ❖ Fournet, Monique, **Kyle C. Kopko**, Dana Wittmer, and Lawrence Baum. 2009. “Evolution of Judicial Careers in the Federal Courts, 1789-2008.” *Judicature*. 93(2): 62-74.
- ❖ **Kopko Kyle C.** 2008. “Partisanship Suppressed: Judicial Decision-Making in Ralph Nader’s 2004 Ballot Access Litigation.” *Election Law Journal*. 7(4): 301-324.

- ❖ Kraybill, Donald B., and **Kyle C. Kopko**. 2007. “Bush Fever: Amish and Old Order Mennonites in the 2004 Presidential Election.” *The Mennonite Quarterly Review*. April 2007. 81(2): 165-205.

Working Papers and Research in Progress

- ❖ Devine, Christopher J., and **Kyle C. Kopko**. “Split Tickets? On the Strategic Allocation of Presidential Versus Vice Presidential Campaign Visits in 2016.” Under review.
- ❖ McClellan, E. Fletcher, and **Kyle C. Kopko**. “High-Impact Practices in the Political Science Major: Effects on Student Learning.” In preparation.

Publications in Popular Media

- ❖ McClellan, E. Fletcher, **Kyle C. Kopko**, Christopher J. Devine, Jillian E. Casey, and Julia L. Ward. 2016. “Obama has set the Record for the Most Presidential Medals of Freedom.” [The Monkey Cage \(Washington Post\)](#). November 22.
- ❖ Devine, Christopher J., and **Kyle C. Kopko**. 2016. “5 Things You Need to Know About how Third-Party Candidates Did in 2016.” [The Monkey Cage \(Washington Post\)](#). November 15.
- ❖ Devine, Christopher J., and **Kyle C. Kopko**. 2016. “How Clinton and Trump are Using Their Running Mates on the Campaign Trail.” [FiveThirtyEight](#). October 28.
- ❖ Buchler, Justin, and **Kyle C. Kopko**. 2016. “Kaine vs. Pence: Two Key Moments from the Debate.” [The Conversation](#). October 5.
- ❖ **Kopko, Kyle C.**, and Christopher J. Devine. 2016. “Why the Kaine vs. Pence Vice Presidential Debate Matters.” [The Conversation](#). October 3.
- ❖ **Kopko, Kyle C.** 2016. “Will the Amish Turn Out for Trump? Don’t Bet the Farm.” [The Conversation](#). August 3.
- ❖ **Kopko, Kyle C.**, and Christopher J. Devine. 2016. “Will Tim Kaine Deliver Virginia (and Catholics)? Don’t Count on It.” [The Monkey Cage \(Washington Post\)](#). July 22.
- ❖ Devine, Christopher J., and **Kyle C. Kopko**. 2016. “Does Newt Gingrich Pass his own Litmus Test for Veep?” [Time](#). July 14.
- ❖ **Kopko, Kyle C.**, and Christopher J. Devine. 2016. “Will the Vice Presidential Candidates Matter this Year? Maybe, but not the Way you Think.” [The Conversation](#). July 12.
- ❖ **Kopko, Kyle C.**, and Christopher J. Devine. 2016. “This Year’s Libertarian Ticket has Remarkable Political Experience. Now Will it Matter?” [The Monkey Cage \(Washington Post\)](#). May 31.
- ❖ Devine, Christopher J., and **Kyle C. Kopko**. 2016. “Veepstakes 2016: A Reality Check.” [Oxford University Press Blog](#). May 23.
- ❖ Devine, Christopher J., and **Kyle C. Kopko**. 2016. “How Clinton and Trump Should Choose Their Vice Presidents.” [Time](#). May 2.
- ❖ Devine, Christopher J., and **Kyle C. Kopko**. 2016. “The 4 Advantages a Vice Presidential Pick Could Offer a Candidate.” [Time](#). April 28.
- ❖ Devine, Christopher J., and **Kyle C. Kopko**. 2016. “Who Should Trump and Clinton Pick as Running Mates? This Research Says it Doesn’t Really Matter.” [The Monkey Cage \(Washington Post\)](#). April 25.

- ❖ **Kopko, Kyle C.**, and Christopher J. Devine. 2016. “Why VPs Matter Less than You Think.” *Politico Magazine*. April 11.

Select Media Appearances, Citations, and Quotations

- ❖ “Pennsylvania News Makers.” November 13, 2016. Television interview on *WGAL NBC 8*.
- ❖ POTUS 2016: Veep vs. Veep.” October 6, 2016. Television interview on *CUNY TV*.
- ❖ “CNN Newsroom with Brooke Baldwin.” October 5, 2016. Television interview on *CNN*.
- ❖ “US Elections: America’s Amish Voters.” September 29, 2016. *Al Jazeera*.
- ❖ “Pennsylvania News Makers.” September 18, 2016. Television Interview on *WGAL NBC 8*.
- ❖ “GOP Super PAC Works to Turn Out Amish Voters.” September 15, 2016. Television interview on *Fox News Channel*.
- ❖ “Reporters Savage Clinton for Olympic Pander.” August 11, 2016. *The Washington Examiner*.
- ❖ “Can Donald Trump Convince the Amish to run to the Polls?” August 10, 2016. *Deseret News*.
- ❖ “The Washington Journal: Vice Presidential Candidates.” July 23, 2016. Television interview on *C-SPAN*.
- ❖ “Donald Trump Tries to Appeal to Lancaster County Amish Community.” July 19, 2016. Television interview on *WPMT Fox 43*.
- ❖ “A VP Bump? Not so Much. The Myths Surrounding the Choice.” July 15, 2016. *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.
- ❖ “Debunking the ‘Home-State Advantage’ and Other Myths of Picking a Vice President.” July 3, 2016. *The Los Angeles Times*.
- ❖ “Cruz Helped by Fiorina?” May 2, 2016. Radio interview on *WITF Smart Talk*.
- ❖ “Vice Pres. Picks Don’t Really Matter.” May 1, 2016. Radio interview on *WBEN Hardline*.
- ❖ “Do Vice Presidential Picks Matter?” April 29, 2016. *U.S. News & World Report*.
- ❖ “Ted Cruz’s New Running Mate Isn’t All That Popular.” April 27, 2016. *The Huffington Post*.
- ❖ “Get Ready for the Veepstakes!” April 26, 2016. *The Huffington Post*.
- ❖ “How to Think About a Running Mate.” April 19, 2016. *The Wall Street Journal*.
- ❖ “Veepstakes: The Case for Kasich.” March 30, 2016. *PoliZette*.
- ❖ “Morganelli, Zappala Deny Allying Against Fellow Democrat Shapiro in Attorney General Primary.” March 26, 2016. *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.
- ❖ “Race for the 16th Heats Up 5 Weeks Before Primary.” March 21, 2016. *LNP*.
- ❖ “Lancaster Courthouse Hosts Collegiate Mock Trial Competition.” March 18, 2016. *LNP*.
- ❖ “Author Spotlight: Dr. Kyle Kopko and Dr. Christopher Devine.” March 8, 2016. Television interview on *GoodDayPA, ABC 27*.
- ❖ “VP Choice Matter?” March 8, 2016. Radio interview on *WITF Smart Talk*.
- ❖ “Pennsylvania Governor Wolf’s Spending Amid Budget Impasse Baffles Lawmakers.” March 2, 2016. *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.

- ❖ “State Budget Stalemate Enters Unpredictable Future as Gov. Wolf Readies Next Year’s Plan.” February 8, 2016. *LNP*.
- ❖ Presidential Medal of Freedom Interview on C-SPAN *Washington Journal*. January 12, 2016.
- ❖ “Partial State Budget Raises Odds of Work on 2 Plans at Once.” January 4, 2016. *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.
- ❖ “Long Shot: Pennsylvania Gun Legislation had Little Chance in 2015.” January 3, 2016. *LNP*.
- ❖ “Presidential Medal of Freedom Says Something About Presenter, Too.” December 27, 2015. *The New York Times*.
- ❖ “Attorney General Kane’s Fall from Stardom to Scandal Fast, Hard.” November 7, 2015. *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.
- ❖ “‘The Most Significant Race in Recent Memory’ for Pa. Supreme Court.” October 25, 2015. *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.
- ❖ “‘Kodak’ Moments: A Spotlight on Secret Photos in the Supreme Court.” August 10, 2015. *The National Law Journal*.
- ❖ “Why No Cameras at Supreme Court?” July 29, 2015. Radio interview on *WITF Smart Talk*.
- ❖ “All Eyes are on Risa Vetri Ferman in Kathleen Kane Case.” May 2, 2015. *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.
- ❖ “The Holding Pattern Surrounding Kathleen Kane.” April 18, 2015. *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.
- ❖ “Montgomery County DA Ferman to Review Grand Jury Report on AG Kane.” April 1, 2015. *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.
- ❖ “Bush and Rubio Might Swing Florida for the GOP. It Probably Wouldn’t Matter, Though.” March 28, 2015. *The Washington Post – The Fix*.
- ❖ “Wolf’s Tax-a-Palooza.” March 7, 2015. *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.
- ❖ “Kane’s Attorney: ‘Angry Men’ out to Hurt Pa. Attorney General.” January 10, 2015. *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.
- ❖ “Castille Cut Independent Figure as Pa. Chief Justice.” January 1, 2015. *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.
- ❖ “Philly DA Says No Affidavits Claimed by AG Kane in Bribery Case Existed.” December 17, 2014. *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.
- ❖ “Pa. Supreme Court in ‘Sad State’ as Scandals Tarnish Reputation.” October 25, 2014. *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.
- ❖ “Supreme Court Stories: Marbury v. Madison.” Soomo Publishing. February 2013. URL Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwciUVLdSPk>
- ❖ “Nine Days to Win Nine States.” *El Nacional* (Caracas, Venezuela). October 29, 2012.
- ❖ “China and Libya Dominate Last Presidential Debate.” *El Nacional* (Caracas, Venezuela). October 22, 2012.
- ❖ “Voter ID Won’t Stop the Plain.” *Lancaster Sunday News*. September 2, 2012.
- ❖ “Buzz Over Romney’s VP Choice Heats Up.” *CBC News*. July 17, 2012.
- ❖ “Karl Rove: I Was Wrong About Dick Cheney...and Other Lessons I Learned from Vetting Vice-Presidential Candidates.” *The Wall Street Journal*. April 25, 2012.
- ❖ “On the Record with Greta Van Susteren.” *Fox News Channel*. April 20, 2012.

Select Professional Service and Consultation Work

- ❖ President, Northeast Association of Pre-Law Advisors (NAPLA), 2016-Present; President-Elect, NAPLA, 2015-2016; Treasurer, NAPLA, 2013-2015; Board of Directors Member, NAPLA, 2012-2013
 - NAPLA is the nation's oldest and largest professional organization of pre-law advisors. Board members organize the annual NAPLA meeting, recommend and promote pre-law advising best-practices, and manage the NAPLA annual budget and treasury (in excess of \$150,000).
- ❖ Member, Elizabethtown Borough Planning Commission, 2015-Present
 - The Elizabethtown Borough Planning Commission is responsible for reviewing general land development applications to ensure compliance with the Borough Code. Additionally, the Planning Commissions assist in developing and amending the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.
- ❖ Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Commission, Investigative Division, 2012-2016
 - Members of the Judicial Evaluation Commission are appointed by the president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association to investigate and evaluate the qualifications of all candidates for appellate judgeships in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The commission rates each candidate as highly recommended, recommended, or not recommended.
- ❖ Cengage Product Feedback Advisory Board, 2012-2013
 - Members of this advisory board beta-test experimental online learning products for Cengage and its subsidiary textbook publishers.

Honors and Awards

- ❖ Emergent Scholar Mentor, 2014, 2015, 2016.
 - This award recognizes faculty members who have mentored an outstanding sophomore student who attained at least a 3.75 GPA by the sophomore year.
- ❖ Engaging Educator Award, sponsored by Elizabethtown College Student Senate, 2014.
 - This award is presented annually to a professor for excellence in classroom instruction.
- ❖ Merit Award for Teaching at Elizabethtown College, 2014
- ❖ Merit Award for Service at Elizabethtown College, 2013
- ❖ Louise B. Vetter Award, sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi, 2010
 - This award is presented to three Ohio State University graduate students every year for teaching and academic excellence.
- ❖ Graduate Associate Teaching Award Recipient, 2008-2009 Academic Year
 - This award is presented to ten Ohio State University graduate teaching associates every year for outstanding classroom instruction.
- ❖ Henry R. Spencer Award for Distinguished Teaching, 2008-2009 Academic Year.
 - This award is presented to a political science graduate teaching associate every year for outstanding classroom instruction.

Professional Memberships

- ❖ American Conference of Academic Deans
- ❖ Association of American Colleges & Universities
- ❖ American Political Science Association
- ❖ Council on Undergraduate Research
- ❖ Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences
- ❖ National Collegiate Honors Council
- ❖ Northeast Association of Pre-Law Advisors
- ❖ Northeast Regional Honors Council
- ❖ Pennsylvania Council for International Education

Teaching and Research Interests

- ❖ American Politics
- ❖ Constitutional Law / Public Law
- ❖ Elections
- ❖ Election Law
- ❖ Higher Education
- ❖ Judicial Politics and Process
- ❖ Political Psychology
- ❖ Religion and Politics