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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA – LINCOLN, LINCOLN, NE**

July 2017 – Present

*Assistant Professor, Psychology Department*

*Courtesy Assistant Professor of Law, Nebraska College of Law*

**SANDRA DAY O’CONNOR COLLEGE OF LAW, ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, Tempe, AZ**

August 2018 – Present

*Faculty Associate with the MLS in Conflict Resolution Program*

**JUSTICE ROBERT M. BRUTINEL, ARIZONA SUPREME COURT, Phoenix, AZ**

September 2015 – August 2016

*Law Clerk for the Honorable Robert M. Brutinel*

**OSBORN MALEDON, Phoenix, AZ**

Summer 2015

*Summer Associate*

## EDUCATION

**SANDRA DAY O’CONNOR COLLEGE OF LAW, ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, Tempe, AZ**

May 2017

J.D., *Cum Laude*

**ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, Tempe, AZ**

Ph.D., *Summa Cum Laude*, Social Psychology

May 2017

M.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, Psychology

May 2013

B.S., *Summa Cum Laude*, Psychology, with Honors

May 2009

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2018-2019 Peer Review of Teaching Project Fellow at the University of Nebraska

2017-2018 Grant: National Strategic Research Institute (NSRI)

*Academic Perspectives on Perception Resistance in the Decision Calculus Assessment Methodology and Deterrence/Assurance Decision Calculus Assessment Tool (PRDA-DCAT) (PI: Mario Scalora)*

Role: Co-investigator

2017-2018 Research Development Fellows Program at the University of Nebraska

2015 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Student Travel Award

2014-2015 Center Scholar, Center for Law, Science, & Innovation at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

2014-2015 Darwyn and Marie Linder Graduate Fellowship in Social Psychology, Arizona State University

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2017 Outstanding Graduate Award: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 2015 Clinic Veteran for the Lodestar Mediation Clinic (Spring semester)
- 2012-2013 Executive Articles Editor for *Arizona State Law Journal*
- 2011-2012 Staff Writer and Articles Committee Chair for *Arizona State Law Journal*
- 2010-2014 Five-time recipient of the CALI Excellence for the Future Award

## PUBLICATIONS

- Williams, K E. G., **Votruba, A. M.**, Neuberg, S. L., & Saks, M. J. (2018). Capital and punishment: Resource scarcity increases endorsement of the death penalty. *Evolution and Human Behavior*.
- Braver, S. L. & **Votruba, A. M.** (2018). Does shared parenting CAUSE better outcomes for children: Empirical and research design considerations. *Journal of Child Custody*, 59(5), 452-468.
- Votruba, A. M.** & Kwan, V. S. Y. (2018). When in Rome think like a Roman: Empirical evidence and implications of temporarily adopting dialectical thinking. *The Psychological and Cultural Foundations of Dialectical Thinking*. Editors Spencer-Rodgers, J. & Peng, K. Oxford University Press.
- Saks, M. J., Danvers, A., Wissler, R. L., Voytyuk, M., Williams, K., Baker, D. A., & **Votruba, A. M.** (2016). Psychological aspects of food biodesign, *Jurimetrics Journal*, 56(2), 165-181.
- Saks, M. J. & **Votruba, A. M.** (2015). “. . . and the courts have been utterly ineffective”. *Judges Journal*, 54(3), 28.
- Votruba, A. M.** & Kwan, V. S. Y. (2015). Disagreeing on whether agreement is persuasive: perceptions of expert group decisions. *PLOS ONE*, 10(3), 1-9.
- Votruba, A. M.**, Sng, O. & Kwan, V. S. Y. (2015). Adopting a group attention perspective: An exploration of moderators and future directions. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, 46(10), 1324-1327.
- Votruba, A. M.**, Braver, S. L., Ellman, I. M., & Fabricius, W. V. (2014). Moral intuitions about fault, parenting, and child custody after divorce. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, 20(3), 251-262.
- Votruba, A. M.** & Saks, M. J. (2013). Medical adverse events and malpractice litigation in Arizona: By-the-numbers. *Arizona State Law Journal*, 45(4), 1537-1561.
- Votruba, A. M.** (2013). With the real Reasonable Person please stand up? Using psychology to determine how juries actually understand and apply the reasonable person standard. *Arizona State Law Journal*, 45(2), 703-732.
- Stevenson, M., Braver, S., **Votruba, A. M.**, & Ellman, I. M. Marriage, Divorce, Child Custody. *Handbook of Father Involvement: Multidisciplinary Perspectives* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) (2012). Editors Cabrera, N. J. & Tamis-LeMonda, C. S. Routledge Taylor & Francis Group.
- Kwan, V. S. Y., Wojcik, S. P., Miron-shatz, T., **Votruba, A. M.**, Olivola, C. Y. (2012). Effects of symptom presentation order on perceived disease risk. *Psychological Science*, 23(4), 381-385.  
(Select media coverage: Newsweek Magazine, Fox News Channel, The Huffington Post)
- Saks, M. J. & **Votruba, A. M.** (2012). Significance and Implications of “Quantifying the weight of evidence from a forensic fingerprint comparison: a new paradigm”. *Proceedings of the Royal Statistical Society*, 175, 408.
- Braver, S. L., Ellman, I. M., **Votruba, A. M.**, & Fabricius, W. V. (2011). Lay judgments about child custody after divorce. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, 17(2), 212-240.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Votruba, A. M.**, Kwan, V. S. K., & Saks, M. J. *Attributional tendencies: An examination of the relationship between dispositional and situational tendencies using a self-report scale.*
- Votruba, A. M.**, Kwan, V. S. K., & Saks, M. J. *The influence of cultural differences in social attributions on jurors’ judgment and decision-making in a negligent tort context.*
- Saks, M. J. & **Votruba, A. M.**, *The use of scientific evidence in causation-in-fact vaccine cases within the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.*

## PRESENTATIONS

- Tisdale, C. N., & Votruba, A. M. (2019). *Mass Shooting Motives: Public Perception When Motive is Unclear*. Talk presented at the 2019 Social Psychology and Law Preconference at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Williams, K E. G., **Votruba, A. M.**, Neuberg, S. L., & Saks, M. J. (March 2018). *Capital & Punishment*. Talk presented at the 2018 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Memphis, TN.
- Votruba, A. M.** (March 2018). *The Influence of Social Attributions on Juror Perceptions*. Talk presented at the 2018 Social Psychology and Law PRECONFERENCE: In The Courtroom and Beyond at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Votruba, A. M.** (February 2017). *Partitioning Responsibility: The Influence of Cultural Differences in Social Attributions on Jurors' Division of Responsibility in a Negligent Tort Context*. Talk presented at the 2017 QuantLaw Conference, Tucson, AZ.
- Votruba, A. M.** (October 2016). *The Court of Public Opinion: Lay Judgments About Fault, Parenting, and Child Custody After Divorce*. Talk presented at the October Better Options Initiative Luncheon, Lafayette, LA.
- Williams, K E. G., **Votruba, A. M.**, Neuberg, S. L., & Saks, M. J. (January 2016). *Capital & Punishment*. Talk presented at the 2016 Evolutionary Psychology Preconference at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Hinshaw, A. & **Votruba, A. M.** (April 2015). *Managing Third Party Conflict: Legal Negotiation Ethics*. Talk presented at the 2015 Arizona Conflict Summit, Tempe, AZ.
- Votruba, A. M.**, Saks, M. J., & Kwan, V. S. Y. (March 2015). *The Influence of Attributional Focus and Past History on Assessing Liability*. Poster presented at the 2015 Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Long Beach, CA.
- Williams, K E. G., **Votruba, A. M.**, Neuberg, S. L., & Saks, M. J. (May 2014). *Capital & Punishment: The Influence of Resource Scarcity on Endorsement of the Death Penalty*. Talk presented at the 2014 Association of Psychological Science Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Votruba, A. M.** & Kwan, V. S. Y. (February 2014). *Interpreting Expert Disagreement: The Influence of Decisional Cohesion on the Persuasiveness of Expert Group Recommendations*. Poster presented at the 2014 Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Austin, TX.
- Williams, K E. G., **Votruba, A. M.**, Neuberg, S. L., & Saks, M. J. (February 2014). *Capital & Punishment: The Influence of Resource Scarcity on Endorsement of the Death Penalty*. Poster presented at the 2014 Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Austin, TX.
- Votruba, A. M.** (January 2014). *Does a Bottom-up Approach Work? The Ramsar Convention and Desertification Convention*. Talk presented at the "Is there any chance? The future of International Climate Change Negotiations" Real Life Ethics Seminar Dinner, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.
- Votruba, A. M.** (June 2013). *Does a Bottom-up Approach Work? The Ramsar Convention and Desertification Convention*. Talk presented at the Bonn Climate Change Conference, Bonn, Germany.
- Votruba, A. M.**, Patel, H., & Kwan, V. S. Y. (March 2013). *The Influence of Decisional Cohesion on the Persuasiveness of Expert Group Recommendations*. Talk presented at the 2013 Social Psychologists of Arizona Conference, Tucson, AZ.
- Votruba, A. M.** & Kwan, V. S. Y. (January 2013). *The Authority Heuristic: The Influence of Trust and Expertise on Persuasiveness*. Poster presented at the 2013 Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Williams, K E. G., **Votruba, A. M.**, Neuberg, S. L., & Saks, M. J. (January 2013). *Capital and Punishment: Resource Scarcity and the Death Penalty*. Poster presented at the 2013 Social Psychology and Law Pre-conference to the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, New Orleans, LA.

**Votruba, A. M.** & Kwan, V. S. Y. (January 2012). *Authority Heuristics on Perceived Efficacy in Pharmaceutical Advertisements*. Poster presented at the 2012 Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, San Diego, CA.

**Votruba, A. M.** & Kwan, V. S. Y. (October 2011). *The Role of Authority on Perceived Efficacy in Direct-To-Consumer Pharmaceutical Advertisements*. Poster presented at the first annual Social Psychology of Arizona Conference, Tempe, AZ.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Spring 2019

- PSYC 288: Psychology of Social Behavior
- SDO 598: Psychology of Conflict (MLS in Conflict Resolution Program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law)

Fall 2018

- SDO 598: Conflict Theory (MLS in Conflict Resolution Program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law)

Spring 2018

- PSYC 991 – Research Methods in Social and Personality Psychology

Spring 2017

- PGS 315 – Psychology Research Methods Lab

Fall 2016

- PGS 315 – Psychology Research Methods Lab

Fall 2014

- PGS 315 – Psychology Research Methods Lab

Spring 2013

- PGS 350 – Social Psychology

Spring 2011

- PGS 315 – Psychology Research Methods Lab

## **STUDENTS MENTORED**

### **Graduate Students**

- Casey Tisdale (2018 – present; MLS/Ph.D.)
- Abigail Herzfeld (2018 – present; J.D./Ph.D.)

### **Supervisory Committee Membership**

- Alisha Caldwell Jimenez (Comprehensive Exams; 2018 - Present)
- Katherine Hazen (Comprehensive Exams; 2018 - Present)
- Trace Vardsveen (MERP; 2018 - Present)

### **Undergraduate Research**

- Fall 2017
  - Pawsbeh Moo (Research Assistant)
  - Rachel Sisley (Research Assistant)
  - Grace Theodor (Research Assistant)

- Emily Hess (Research Assistant)
- Spring 2018
  - Emily Hess (Research Assistant)
  - Brooke Rubin (Research Assistant)
  - Melissa Hall (Research Assistant)
  - Mona Javidi (Research Assistant)
  - Kylie Hughes (Thesis Project)
  - Rachel Sisley (Independent Research Project)
- Fall 2018
  - Emily Hess (Research Assistant)
  - Melissa Hall (Research Assistant)
  - Mona Javidi (Research Assistant)
  - Rachel Silsey (Research Assistant)
  - Kylie Hughes (Thesis Project)
  - Kiley Gilbert (Thesis project)
- Spring 2019
  - Emily Hess (Research Assistant)
  - Melissa Hall (Research Assistant)
  - Mona Javidi (Research Assistant)
  - Rachel Silsey (Research Assistant)
  - Zach Kneale (Research Assistant)
  - Ian Goheen (Research Assistant)
  - Reed Tiwald (Research Assistant)
  - Kylie Hughes (Thesis Project)
  - Kiley Gilbert (Thesis project)

## **SERVICE**

### **University of Nebraska – Lincoln**

- New Faculty Orientation: Panelist for “Thoughts from the Faculty: Tales from the Other Side of the First Year” (2018)
- Law-Psychology Distinguished Alumni Award Committee Member (2018 – Present)
- Psychology Department Awards Committee (2018 – Present)
- Psychology and Law Program and Social Program Brownbag Coordinator (2017 – Present)

### **Professional Service**

- NSF's Law and Social Sciences (LSS) Program, Expert Reviewer (2018)
- Social Psychology and Law Pre-conferences at SPSP, Co-organizer (2018, 2019)
- The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Newsletter Editor (2017 – Present)
- Law and Society Review, Ad hoc reviewer (2017 – Present)
- Social Psychologists of Arizona Conference, Co-organizer (2013)
- Social Cognition Journal, Ad hoc review for the special issue on Global Modern Disasters (2013)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Psychology-Law Society  
 The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues  
 Society for Empirical Legal Studies  
 Society for Personality and Social Psychology