



# ELECTING JUDGES:

## THE SURPRISING EFFECTS OF CAMPAIGNING ON JUDICIAL LEGITIMACY

**Speaker: Dr. James Gibson,  
Washington University**

Where: Law School Courtroom

When: Tuesday, October 2, from 4:00– 5:15 pm

Do campaign activities in judicial elections – policy promises, the use of attack ads, and the possible conflicts created by campaign contributions – undermine perceptions of judicial legitimacy among the public? Dr. Gibson will speak about the results of his empirical research on the impact of campaign activity on the popular legitimacy of the Kentucky Supreme Court.

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