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Acquisitions –March 2015

ABORTION

1. Kreitzer, Rebecca J. "Politics and morality in state abortion policy." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. Vol. 15. No. 1. March 2015. pg. 41-66. (The author, using original dataset of pro and anti- abortion rights policy from 1973-2013, establishes the ways in which partisan control of the government and the moral preferences of constituents shape state policy.)

AGRICULTURE

2. Shrout, Steven D. "Missouri's right to farm statute's durational use requirement and the right to farm amendment." *UMKC Law Review*. Vol. 83. Winter 2014. pg. 499-520.(This comment will demonstrate that the one year durational use requirement of the Missouri Right to Farm nuisance protection statute would not be in violation of Missouri's Right to Farm constitutional amendment.)

CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS

3. McCutcheon, Chris. "Political polling." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 25. No. 6. pg. 121-143. (Do polls accurately measure public attitudes?)

4. Owens Hubler, Katy. "Voting system standards, testing and certification." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 23. No. 6. Feb. 2015. 2 pg. (As technology plays a greater role in elections, it is important to take steps to ensure that voting machines securely and accurately record citizens' votes.) VF: Election Procedure.

5. "Linking driving and voting records." *The Canvass*. Issue 56. March 2015. pg. 1-3.(The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 requires agencies that provide driver's license in 44 states to also provide citizens a chance to register to vote or update their registration every time they come in to get their licenses or otherwise transact business-yet, problems with compliance come up frequently.)

6. Masket, Seth E. & Michael G. Miller. "Does public election funding create more extreme legislators? Evidence from Arizona to Maine." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. Vol. 15. No. 1. March 2015. pg. 24-40. (The authors investigate whether Maine and Arizona's Clean Election laws, which provide funding for state legislative candidates, are responsible for producing a new cadre of legislators who are unusually ideologically extreme.)

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

7. Davis, Samuel. *Rights of Juveniles. The Juvenile Justice System*. 2015 edition. 591 pg. KF 9794.D38 2015. (Accurate, authoritative information regarding the juvenile justice system.)

8. Tormey, Kate. "Vaccination, exemption policies scrutinized after measles outbreak." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 24. No. 3. March 2015. pg. 4. (Laws vary on allowing parents to opt out of vaccines for their children; some states have sought to make it more difficult to get exemptions.)

9. Sen. Deb Soholt (R-S.D.) "Silent no more." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 24. No. 3. March 2015. pg. 9. (In South Dakota, survivors of child sex abuse join forces with state policymakers to improve prevention and response.)

COURTS

10. Cloutier, Zachary J. "What *Watts* forgot to mention: equal protection analysis of Missouri's noneconomic cap." *UMKC Law Review*. Vol. 83. Winter 2014. pg. 403-426. (The balanced cap suggested in this article may not solve any one party's problem with noneconomic damage caps, but does provide a fair but economical approach to resolving the inflation of health care costs.)

CRIME & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

11. Jennings, Eric D., LeslieAnn O. Korte & Meghan Maskery Luecke. Missouri criminal code, 2014 revision: history and overview. KFM 8361.J45.2015. 195 pgs. (In 2014, the Missouri General Assembly passed Senate Bill 491, followed closely by House Bill 1371. The provisions of both bills will take effect January 1, 2017. Work on a revision of the Criminal Code was initiated in 2008 by a subcommittee of The Missouri Bar's Criminal Law Committee. The proposed Revised Code recommended by The Missouri Bar Criminal Code Review Subcommittee served as the foundation for all subsequent legislative efforts. Legislative consideration of the proposed Revised Code began in 2012, spanned three legislative sessions, and concluded in 2014.)

12. Juvenile offenders and victims : a national report. National Center for Juvenile Justice : Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. HV 9103.J8729.2014. (Comprehensive report on juvenile crime, victimization, and the juvenile justice system. The report consists of the most requested information on juveniles and the juvenile justice system in the United States.)

13. Davidson, Sandra & Michael Barajas. "Masking the executioner and the source of execution drugs." *Saint Louis University Law Journal*. Vol. 59. No. 1. Fall 2014. pg. 45-95. (A Missouri law that took effect in 2007 adds another wrinkle to the ongoing controversy over public access to information on the state's system of capital punishment.)

14. Davis, Samuel. *Rights of Juveniles. The Juvenile Justice System*. 2015 edition. 591 pg. KF 9794.D38 2015. (Accurate, authoritative information regarding the juvenile justice system.)

15. Kliewer, Laura. "Police and the public trust." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 24. No. 3. March 2015. pg. 1+. (In the wake of high profile incidents involving officers and civilians, new legislation focuses on transparency and accountability.)

16. Sen. Deb Soholt (R-S.D.) "Silent no more." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 24. No. 3. March 2015. pg. 9. (In South Dakota, survivors of child sex abuse join forces with state policymakers to improve prevention and response.)

DRUGS & DRUG TESTING

17. "Right to try." *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXIII. No. 9. March 23, 2015. 1-17. (According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, since Jan. 2014 at least 36 states and the District of Columbia have considered or filed so called "right to try" bills that allow terminally ill patients the chance to legally access experimental medications that are still in clinical trials.)

18. Weiss, Suzanne. "The green (and winding) road." *State Legislatures*. Vol. 41. No. 3. pg. 20-24. (It's been a year since Colorado and Washington legalized recreational marijuana, and not all that was predicted has come to pass, with some surprises along the way.)

19. Buttorff, Christine, et al. "Comparing employer sponsored and federal exchange plans: Wide variations in cost sharing for prescription drugs." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 34. No. 3. March 2015. pg. 467-476. (The authors primary objective was to examine the variability in drug coverage in the exchanges across plan types (health maintenance, organization or preferred provider organization) and metal tiers (bronze, silver, gold and platinum).)

20. Rutkow, Lainie, et al. "Most primary care physicians are aware of prescription drug monitoring programs, but find the data difficult to access." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 34. No. 3. March 2015. pg. 484-492. (State prescription drug monitoring programs are common tools intended to reduce prescription drug abuse and diversion, or the nonmedical use of a prescribed drug. The success of the programs depends largely upon physician's awareness and use of them.)

EDUCATION

21. Sweetland Edwards, Haley. "Leaving tests behind." *Time*. Vol. 185. No. 5. Feb. 28, 2015. pg. 28-31. (The backlash against standardized tests has left lawmakers searching for ways to keep parents happy yet still hold schools, and students, accountable.)

22. Prothero, Arianna. "Some states put parents in charge of pupils' aid." *Education Week*. Vol. 34. No. 22. Feb. 25, 2015. pg. 1+. (Arizona and Florida have implemented education savings account programs, which provide state funding to parents of eligible children to spend on approved educational expenses.)

23. Weiss, Suzanne. "Room for improvement." *State Legislatures*. Vol. 41. No. 3. pg. 26-30. (How can we expect A+ teachers from C-training programs?)

24. Lindberg, Mikko. "Scholarship programs for associate's degrees in SLC member states." Southern Legislative Conference. March 2015. 19 pg. (Increasing analyses are demonstrating that industries with the highest growth in the next decade will demand 21st century skills readily available through a two year technical education.)

25. Griffith, Michael. "A look at funding for students with disabilities." *The Progress of Education Reform*. Ref. LA 217.2.P76. pg. 1-6. (This document outlines some of the facts and myths surrounding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and how its passage has made state policymakers think differently about how they fund public schools.)

26. Tye, Katelyn. "Nebraska bill could help schools deliver more rigorous curriculum to high school juniors, seniors." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 24. No. 3. March 2015. pg. 2. (Former public school principal Sen. Rick Kowlofski is pushing for a new law that would get the state more involved in delivering a better curriculum to students in the final years of their K-12 careers.)

EMPLOYERS & EMPLOYEES

27. Reed, James B. "State policy options for employing people with disabilities." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 23. No. 7. Feb. 2015. 2 pg. (The number of workers with disabilities is expected to grow due to several factors, among them military veterans with disabilities who are attempting to enter the workforce and others "aging" into disability as they work beyond traditional retirement age.) VF: Employment Practices.

28. Cannon, Lou. "Republicans push Right to Work laws against determined opposition." *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXIII. No. 8. March 16, 2015. pg. 1-4. (Buoyed by hefty legislative majorities, Republicans in several states are pushing hard for right to work laws and other anti-union legislation, and Democrats and their labor allies are pushing back, both in the legislatures and the courts.)

29. Fornia, William B. FSA, & Nari Rhee, PhD. "Still a better bang for the buck." National Institute on Retirement Security. Dec. 2014. 27 pg. (Over the past three decades, private employers have shifted away from defined benefit pensions that provide employees with a steady retirement income stream, towards defined contributions retirement accounts-such as 401(k) plans-in which individual workers manage their own investments.) VF: Pensions.

30. Johnson, Robert W. "Reforming government pensions to better distribute benefits. what are the options?" Public Retirement Project. Urban Institute. Dec. 2014. 17 pg. (Efforts to reform retirement plans provided to state and local government employees are gaining momentum across the country. From 2009-2011. 43 states significantly revised their state retirement plans.)

ETHICS

31. Kerns, Peggy & Ethan Wilson. "To accept or not accept: the propriety of honorariums." *Legisbrief*. Vol. 23. No. 5. Feb. 2015. 2 pg. (Should legislators be allowed to accept money or gifts-known as honorariums-for their efforts? States are about evenly divided on their answers and approaches.) VF: Ethics, Code of.

FINANCE & REVENUE

32. Dadayan, Lucy & Donald J. Boyd. "After weak performance in the first half of 2014, tax revenues resume growth in the third quarter." *State Revenue Report*. No. 98. Feb. 2015. 23 pg. (Preliminary figures show continued growth for the fourth quarter of 2014.)

33. "State tax collections after the tumult." *State Policy Reports*. Vol. 33. Issue 3. Feb. 2015. 7 pg. (Recent years

have been unkind to state revenue estimators. Coming out of the Great Recession, a number of events have derailed the steady improvement one typically observes in state tax collections.)

HEALTH, WELFARE & SOCIAL SERVICES

34. Tormey, Kate. "For states, more Medicaid options." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 24. No. 2. Feb. 2015. pg. 1+.
(Policymakers are using unprecedented federal flexibility to not only expand the program's reach, but change how it works.)

35. "More state adopting 'second chance' laws to help offenders." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 24. No. 2. Feb. 2015. pg. 12. (Many obstacles can stand in the way of a successful job search for criminal offenders released from prison or jail, and removing some of these barriers is the goal of bills passed over the past few years in several of the Midwest's legislatures.)

36. Austin, J. Matthew, et al. "National hospital ratings systems share few common scores and may generate confusion instead of clarity." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 34. No. 3. March 2015. pg. 423-430. (Very little is known about what the ratings systems reveal, and to better understand differences in hospital ratings, the authors of this article compared four national rating systems.)

37. Tormey, Kate. "Vaccination, exemption policies scrutinized after measles outbreak." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 24. No. 3. March 2015. pg. 4. (Laws vary on allowing parents to opt out of vaccines for their children; some states have sought to make it more difficult to get exemptions.)

HOUSING

38. Greenblatt, Alan. "Gentrification." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 25. No. 8. Feb. 20, 2015. pg. 169-191. (Are the young and wealthy displacing the urban poor?)

INSURANCE

39. Cloutier, Zachary J. "What *Watts* forgot to mention: equal protection analysis of Missouri's noneconomic cap." *UMKC Law Review*. Vol. 83. Winter 2014. pg. 403-426. (The balanced cap suggested in this article may not solve any one party's problem with noneconomic damage caps, but does provide a fair but economical approach to resolving the inflation of health care costs.)

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MOTOR VEHICLES

41. Greenberg, Pam. "Automated license plate readers.' *Legisbrief*. Vol. 23. No. 8. Feb. 2015. 2 pg. (Automated license plate readers capture computer readable images of license plates, and these high tech devices allow law enforcement agencies to compare plate numbers against those of stolen cars or cars driven by people suspected in being involved in criminal or terrorist activities.) VF: License plates.

42. "How long has it been since your state raised its gas tax?" Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy. Feb. 2015. 2 pg. (Most states transportation budgets are in a disarray because they are trying to cover the rising cost of asphalt, machinery, and other construction materials with a gasoline tax rate that has rarely increased.) VF: Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax.

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

43. Masket, Seth E. & Boris Shor. "Polarization without parties: term limits and legislative partnership in Nebraska's unicameral legislature." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. Vol. 15. No. 1. March 2015. pg. 67-90. (Using interviews and campaign finance records, the authors examine politics in the modern Unicam to investigate nonpartisan polarization.)

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44. Encyclopedia of Associations. 2015. 3 vol. Gale, Cengage Learning. Ref q AS 22.E5. 2015. (This acclaimed, long-standing series provides detailed information on organizations around the world, published as three individual titles.)

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

45. Clark, Korey. "State worker exodus." *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXIII. No. 7. March 9, 2015. pg. 1-4. (Federal, state and local governments will lose potentially millions of workers and the many years of institutional knowledge they possess in the years ahead.)

46. Povich, Elaine S. "Is Obama proposal the end of taxpayer subsidized sports stadiums?" *The Pew Charitable Trusts*. March 16, 2015. 6 pg. (An obscure item placed in the president's new budget would put an end to the longstanding practice of states and cities using tax exempt bonds to finance professional sports arenas.) VF: Stadium-Financing.