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The **Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center** is a nonpartisan institution devoted to teaching and research related to the United States Congress and to strengthening representative democracy through engaged and informed citizens.

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CARL ALBERT GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The **Carl Albert Graduate Fellowship** is a highly competitive and prestigious program at the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma.

Carl Albert Fellows work closely with Center faculty, in cooperation with the Department of Political Science, to pursue an individualized program of study leading to a Ph.D. Fellows focus their program of study on fundamental issues in representative government in America, including the study of institutions, political parties and public policy. Faculty regularly interact with Fellows in a space that facilitates collaboration and scholarly exchange. The laboratory model of graduate education means students will be involved with research from day one. In 2022, Center faculty and students participated in the Cooperative Election Study, a large national survey that includes teams of researchers at a number of universities.

The robust fellowship package provides up to four years (including summers) of financial support as a teaching or research assistant and a final fifth year with no work obligations to complete the dissertation. The fellowship pays for full tuition and fees, funded research and conference travel, health care, course work at the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research and dissertation research funds. The Center also assists Fellows in finding the best possible placement to meet career goals.

FELLOW SPOTLIGHT

Nathan Barron is a fifth-year Fellow at the Carl Albert Center. His research focuses on the US Congress in two broad areas: 1) how policy agenda setting shapes political outcomes, and 2) how public opinion shapes electoral incentives for legislative behavior and policies. His work routinely utilizes survey experiments and computational text analysis.

Barron's research has been published, or is forthcoming, in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* and the *Election Law Journal*. His research is also supported by a Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Research Fellowship.

GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

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Assistant Professor
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ABOUT THE FACULTY

Michael H. Crespin

Director and Curator of the Carl Albert Center and professor of political science. His research focuses on legislative politics, congressional elections and political geography and is funded by the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Crespin has published articles in top political science journals and his research with co-authors has won two national awards.

Charles J. Finocchiaro

Associate Director of the Carl Albert Center and associate professor of political science. His research and teaching interests span American politics and research methodology, with a particular focus on the development and organization of the U.S. Congress. Finocchiaro's published work appears in leading outlets. He is a frequent collaborator with students and has received best paper awards from the APSA and SPSA.

Rachel Blum

Assistant professor of political science and Carl Albert Center faculty member. Her research examines how political parties interact with and shape U.S. political institutions. Blum's book *How the Tea Party Captured the GOP: Insurgent Factions in American Politics* (University of Chicago Press, fall 2020) explains how a faction like the Tea Party was able to take over a major political party.