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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Oklahoma Expected 2027
Graduate Research Fellow, Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center
Fields: American Politics, Public Administration, Public Policy
Committee: Rachel Blum (chair), Andrea Benjamin, Charles Finocchiaro and Alisa Fryar

Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program
Data Visualization/Race, Ethnicity, and Quantitative Methodology I & II Summer 2024

Master of Public Administration, *Cum Laude*, University of Oklahoma May 2022

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, *Cum Laude*, Oklahoma Baptist University May 2020

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race and politics; religion and political engagement; social movements; political parties;
legislative studies; community-based organizations and electoral outcomes

UNDER REVIEW

“Public Support for Congressional Candidates Who Use Campaign Funds for Childcare”
with Peter McLaughlin, Nathan Barron, Rachel Blum, Charles Finocchiaro, and Michael Crespin

WORKING PAPERS

“Scandals, Negativity Bias, and Support for Congressional Reforms” with Peter
McLaughlin, Nathan Barron, Peter Olson, Rachel Blum, Charles Finocchiaro, and Michael
Crespin

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA), 2025 “Negativity Bias, Scandals, and Support
for Congressional Reforms”

Cooperative Election Study Conference, 2025 “Campaign Funds for Childcare”

GRANTS & AWARDS

American Political Science Association Travel Grant	Fall 2025
George B. Williams Award	Fall 2024
V. Stanley Vardys Award	Fall 2024
Women of Color in Political Science Travel Grant	Fall 2024
ICPSR Diversity Scholarship	Summer 2024
Provost's Certificate of Distinction in Teaching	Fall 2020

TEACHING

Instructor, University of Oklahoma

Politics in America (in-person), Undergraduate

Spring 2026

- Designed and delivered weekly in-person lectures introducing students to core themes in American politics, including institutions, political behavior
- Facilitated class discussions to promote critical thinking, evidence-based argumentation, and engagement with contemporary political issues

Teaching Assistant

ICPSR Summer Program (REQM I)

Summer 2025

- Facilitate and participate in class discussions
- Consult with students on research agendas
- Assist with coding for data analysis

Teaching Assistant

Congress in the Political System, Graduate

Spring 2024

- Assist and participate in class discussions
- Grade and meet with students
- Upload materials for the course through Canvas

Teaching Assistant

Political Parties Capstone, Undergraduate

Spring 2024

- Meet with students frequently
- Create and grading assignments through Canvas
- Prepare documents for in-class discussion

Teaching Assistant

Community Scholars, Honors Students, Undergraduate

Fall 2023

- Graded and met with students
- Designed and delivered content through Canvas
- Coordinated guest speakers

Teaching Assistant / Lab Instructor

American Federal Government, General Education, Undergraduate Fall 2020 to Spring 2023

- Designed and delivered content for engagement sessions
- Lectured to the large course on topic of choice
- Graded and met with students

PEER REVIEW

Politics, Groups, and Identities

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

President, Graduate Association of Political Science

2023-2024

Intern, Oklahoma Academy for State Goals

Summer 2021