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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Oklahoma, Expected May 2023.

*Graduate Fellow*, Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center

Master of Public Administration, Drake University, 2019.

B.A. Government, Dartmouth College, 2016.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. McLaughlin, Peter and Sarina Rhinehart. 2022. "Paying for Child Care on the Campaign Trail: Attitudes Toward the Use of Campaign Finances for Personal Expenses." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*.

## UNDER REVIEW

1. "Institutional Earmarks: The Earmark Moratorium and Federal Highway Spending" (Revise & Resubmit)
2. "Supporting Veterans: Source Cues, Issue Ownership, and the Electoral Benefits of Military Service" (Reject & Resubmit) *with Matthew Geras and Sarina Rhinehart*
3. "Strategic States: The Congressional Roots of State Transportation Grant Applications" *with Charles Finocchiaro and Michael Crespin*
4. "Everybody Wins: Why Congressional Earmarks Help Credit Claimers and Porkbusters" *with Nathan Barron*

## WORKING PAPERS

1. "Credible Claims: How Committee Membership Impacts Congressional Credit Claiming" *with Nathan Barron*
2. "More Money, Less Credit: Measuring Gender Bias in Credit Allocation for Federal Spending Projects"
3. "The Earmark Stigma: Attitudes Toward Restoring Congressional Earmarks"

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Instructor of Record*

Intro to Political Analysis: Summer 2021 & 2022

American Federal Government: Winter 2022

American Political Parties: Spring 2021

### *Teaching Assistant*

Intro to Political Analysis: Spring 2022  
American Political Parties: Spring 2022  
Community Scholars: Fall 2021  
United States Congress: Fall 2020  
American Federal Government: Fall 2019 & Spring 2020

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

#### *2022 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*

“Credible Claims: How Committee Membership Impacts Congressional Credit Claiming” *with Nathan Barron*  
“An Experimental Approach to Distributive Politics, Issue Spending, and District Representation” *with Nathan Barron*

#### *2022 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*

“Strategic States: The Congressional Roots of State Transportation Grant Applications” *with Charles Finocchiaro and Michael Crespin*  
“Everybody Wins: Why Congressional Earmarks Help Credit Claimers and Porkbusters”

#### *2021 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*

“Supporting Veterans: Source Cues, Issue Ownership, and the Electoral Benefits of Military Service” *with Sarina Rhinehart and Matthew Geras*  
“The Gift that Keeps on Giving: Earmarking’s Legacy in Federal Highway Funding”

### **GRANTS & AWARDS**

Dodge Family Research Fellowship, University of Oklahoma, 2022  
Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics, Iowa State University, 2022  
APSA Travel Grant, 2022  
H.V. Thornton Research Grant, University of Oklahoma, 2020 & 2022  
John W. Wood Award, University of Oklahoma, 2021 & 2022  
George B. Williams Award, University of Oklahoma 2021 & 2022  
Robberson Research Grant, University of Oklahoma, 2020 & 2021  
Richard C. Kearney Endowed Fellowship, University of Oklahoma, 2021  
V. Stanley Vardys Award, University of Oklahoma 2020 & 2021  
Ronald M. Peters Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, University of Oklahoma, 2020  
Master of Public Administration Student of the Year, Drake University, 2019

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### *Vote Smart, Director of Elections and Candidates Research, 2016-2018*

Managed a research team of 10 associates and 20+ interns

Previously Research Associate (2016) and Research Intern (2015)

## **SERVICE**

Graduate Student Senate, University of Oklahoma, 2020-2021

Graduate College Academic Appeals Panel, University of Oklahoma, 2020-2021

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association

Legislative Studies Section

State Politics & Policy Section

American Society for Public Administration

## **REFERENCES**

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