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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Oklahoma, in progress. Graduate Fellow, Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center, expected 2027.

M.A. Political Science, University of Oklahoma, 2024.

B.A. Political Science, Calvin University, 2021.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Legislative politics, especially partisan activist representation in the U.S. Congress; **public policy**, application of the Advocacy Coalition Framework; **public opinion**, how elite cues and information can shape public opinion

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

McLaughlin, Peter T., Peter Olson, Nathan T. Barron, H. Benjamin Ashton, Rachel Blum, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and Michael H. Crespin. 2025. "Ends Versus Means: Public Opinion on Congressional Redistricting." *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy* 24(3): 287–301. doi:[10.1089/elj.2023.0050](https://doi.org/10.1089/elj.2023.0050).

WORKING PAPERS

Olson, Peter. "The Sputnik Effect: Does the Rise of China Increase Support for Science at Home?"

Olson, Peter. "The Representation of Partisan Activists in Government"

Nathan T. Barron, Rachel M. Blum, Michael H. Crespin, Charles J. Finocchiaro, Peter T. McLaughlin, Peter Olson, Nathaniel Reeves, and Joy Rhodes. "Partisan Signals, Procedural Opinions: Elite Cues and Public Support for Filibuster Reform"

McLaughlin, Peter T., Joy Rhodes, Peter Olson, Rachel Blum, Charles Finocchiaro, and Michael Crespin. "Scandals, Negativity Bias, and Support for Congressional Reforms."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Oklahoma

U.S. Congress (P SC 3143): teaching assistant 2025.

Strategies in Politics and Public Policy (P SC 4083): teaching 2023-2024.

American Federal Government (P SC 1113): teaching assistant, 2022-2023.

American Federal Government (P SC 1113): instructor of record (online), 2026.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2026

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2025- 2026

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2025

Cooperative Election Study Conference: 2025

HONORS & AWARDS

Ronald L. Platt Memorial Endowed (\$2,250) 2026

Les J. Martin Memorial Endowed (\$700) 2025

George B Williams Memorial (\$2000) 2024

George B Williams Memorial (\$1000) 2023

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE

President, Christian Grad Fellowship, University of Oklahoma Chapter

2025-current

REFERENCES

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