Colin R. Case

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APPOINTMENTS

University of Iowa — Iowa City, Iowa
Assistant Professor of Political Science — 2024 – Present
Inaugural Provost AI Faculty Fellow — 2025 – Present
Researcher Affiliate, Center for Social Science Innovation — 2024 – Present

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Ph.D., Political Science — May 2024

- Concentrations: American Politics, Political Methodology

Master of Arts, Political Science — August 2021

University of Michigan — Ann Arbor, Michigan
Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Political Science — May 2019

BOOKS

Case, Colin R. and Rachel Porter. *Scaling the Meaning of Text with Word Embeddings.* Cambridge Elements Series: Elements in Quantitative and Computational Methods for the Social Sciences. *Under Contract.*

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Case, Colin R. Forthcoming. "Measuring Strategic Positioning in Congressional Elections" *Journal of Politics.*

- Winner of 2024 *Evan Ringquist Award* for best paper on political institutions presented at the MPSA Annual Meeting.

Porter, Rachel, **Colin R. Case,** and Sarah A. Treul. 2025. "CampaignView, A Database of Policy Platforms and Biographical Narratives for Congressional Candidates." *Scientific Data.*

Case, Colin R. and Rachel Porter. 2025. "Conceptualizing and Measuring Early Campaign Fundraising in U.S. House Elections." *Political Science Research and Methods.*

Baumgartner, Frank R., **Colin R. Case**, and Will Spillman. 2024. "Purchasing Privilege? How Status Cues Affect Police Suspicion in Routine Traffic Stops." *Politics, Groups, and Identities.*

Case, Colin R. and Sarah A. Treul. 2024. "The Selling of Experience in the 2022 Congressional Elections." *Journal of Political Marketing:* 1–14.

Case, Colin R. and Emily Cottle Ommundsen. 2024. "Partisan Appeals to Bipartisanship." *Political Behavior* 46(1):451–471.

WORKING PAPERS	**Case, Colin R.** and Rachel Porter. "Strategic Heterogeneity in Policy-Level Positioning: Evidence from Congressional Campaigns" *Under Review*
	Case, Colin R., Emily Cottle Ommundsen, and Rachel Porter. "Congressional Campaign Strategies and Bipartisan Tendencies." *Under Review*
	Case, Colin R. "Coloring within the Party Lines: Candidate Branding in Primary Elections."
	Case, Colin. R, Audrey Sachleben and Sarah A. Treul. "Issue Publics and Issue Voting in Primary Elections."
IN PROGRESS	**Case, Colin. R** and Emily Cottle Ommundsen. "Congressional Campaign Promises and Legislative Collaboration."
	Case, Colin. R and Emily Cottle Ommundsen. "MemberGPT: Constituent Communications and AI Usage in Congress."
	Case, Colin R. "Primary Challengers and Incumbent Legislative Behavior."
OPEN DATA	CampaignView: U.S. House Campaign Website Archive
	Word Embedding Strategic Positioning Scores (WEB Scores) for U.S. House Candidates
	Early Money Fundraising Estimates for U.S. House Candidates
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	Hetherington, Marc J., Michael Greenberger, **Colin Case**, Abby Cassario, and David A.M. Peterson. 28 January, 2020. "How are Iowa voters picking candidates?" *The Monkey Cage – Washington Post*

AWARDS AND HONORS

External

IHS Course Support Grant, Institute for Humane Studies *($27,516)*	2025
• *Co-PI: Emily Cottle Ommundsen*	
Small Grant Awards, Center for Effective Lawmaking *($1,500)*	2024
• *Co-PI: Emily Cottle Ommundsen*	
Evan Ringquist Award, Midwest Political Science Association	2024
Evaluating Partisan Primaries & Reform Solutions, Unite America *($21,745)*	2023
• *Co-PI: Rachel Porter*	
Small Grant Awards, Center for Effective Lawmaking *($1,000)*	2023
• *Co-PIs: Emily Cottle Ommundsen & Rachel Porter*	
PolMeth Travel Award, Society for Political Methodology	2023
MPSA Mini-Conference Travel Award, Junior Americanist Workshop Series	2023

Internal

Old Gold Summer Fellowship, University of Iowa CLAS *($6,000)*	2025

	Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Research Award, UNC Political Science *($7,000)*	2023
	Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Research Award, UNC Political Science *($7,000)*	2022
	Summer "Top Up" Award, UNC Political Science *($3,000 per year)*	2019 – 2023
	Mark Gerstein Research Fund, University of Michigan Political Science	2018

Teaching

University of Iowa

Introduction to American Politics (Honors)	Fall 2024
Congressional Elections	Fall 2024, Spring 2026
Intermediate Methodology (Graduate)	Spring 2026
Text as Data (Graduate)	Spring 2025
The U.S. Congress (Graduate)	Fall 2025

University of North Carolina

Introduction to American Politics	Summer 2022, Spring 2023
Data in Politics	Spring 2024

Student Advising

Dissertation Committee: Taylor Tokos, Timothy Yen

Pedagogical Training

Early Career Faculty Academy, University of Iowa Center for Teaching	2024-2025
Course Design Institute, University of Iowa Center for Teaching	2025

Invited Presentations

Unite America Research Symposium	2024
American Politics Research Group, UNC Political Science	2023

Small Conference Presentations

Primary Elections MPSA CWC	2024, 2025
Junior Americanist Workshop Series MPSA CWC	2023

Annual Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association	2022
Midwest Political Science Association	2021 – 2025
Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting	2022, 2023, 2025
Southern Political Science Association	2022

Service

Discipline Service

Co-Organizer, Primary Elections MPSA CWC	2024 – Present

Department Service

American Politics Comprehensive Exam Committee	2025
Computing and Technology Committee	2024 – Present
Department Executive Committee	2024 – Present
Methodology Comprehensive Exam Committee	2025

Reviewer

Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Analysis, State Politics & Policy Quarterly

Discussant

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting

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