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APPOINTMENTS **University of Iowa** Iowa City, Iowa
Assistant Professor of Political Science 2024 – 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.** “[Measuring Strategic Positioning in Congressional Elections](#)” *Conditionally Accepted at The 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”		
	Case, Colin R., Emily Cottle Ommundsen, and Rachel Porter. “Congressional Campaign Strategies and Bipartisan Tendencies.”		
	Case, Colin R. “Coloring within the Party Lines: Candidate Branding in Primary Elections.”		
IN PROGRESS	Case, Colin. R and Emily Cottle Ommundsen. “Congressional Campaign Promises and Legislative Collaboration.”		
	Case, Colin. R, Audrey Sachleben and Sarah A. Treul. “Issue Publics and Issue Voting in Primary Elections.”		
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?” <i>The Monkey Cage</i> – <i>Washington Post</i>		
AWARDS AND HONORS	External		
	IHS Course Support Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (\$27,516)		2025
	• <i>Co-PI: Emily Cottle Ommundsen</i>		
	Small Grant Awards, Center for Effective Lawmaking (\$1,500)		2024
	• <i>Co-PI: Emily Cottle Ommundsen</i>		
	Evan Ringquist Award, Midwest Political Science Association		2024
	Evaluating Partisan Primaries & Reform Solutions, Unite America (\$21,745)		2023
	• <i>Co-PI: Rachel Porter</i>		
	Small Grant Awards, Center for Effective Lawmaking (\$1,000)		2023
	• <i>Co-PIs: Emily Cottle Ommundsen & Rachel Porter</i>		
	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		
	POLI:1100 Introduction to American Politics (Honors)		Fall 2024
	POLI:3150 Congressional Elections	Fall 2024, Spring 2026	
	POLI:5003 Intermediate Methodology (Graduate)		Spring 2026
	POLI:7002 Text as Data (Graduate)		Spring 2025
	POLI:7150 Congress (Graduate)		Fall 2025

University of North Carolina
Introduction to American Politics
Data in Politics

Summer 2022, Spring 2023
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 Unite America Research Symposium 2024
PRESENTATIONS American Politics Research Group, UNC Political Science 2023

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

ANNUAL American Political Science Association 2022
CONFERENCE Midwest Political Science Association 2021 – 2025
PRESENTATIONS 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 SP2025
Computing and Technology Committee 2024 – Present
Department Executive Committee 2024-2027
Methodology Comprehensive Exam Committee F2025

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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