Joseph T. Ornstein

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

    Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science   **2020 - present**

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri

    Postdoctoral Research Associate, Brown School   **2018 - 2020**

The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC

    Senior Research Assistant, Economic Studies   **2010 - 2013**

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan USA

    Ph.D., Political Science, 2018

Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire

    B.A., Mathematics & Social Sciences, 2009

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Cruz, Andrés, Adam Bouyamourn, and Joseph T. Ornstein (2026). "Survey Quality and Acquiescence Bias: A Cautionary Tale" *Political Analysis*, First View, 1-8.

Ornstein, Joseph T. (2025). "Probabilistic Record Linkage Using Pretrained Text Embeddings". *Political Analysis* First View, 1-12.

Ornstein Joseph T., Elise N. Blasingame, and Jake S. Truscott (2025). "How to Train Your Stochastic Parrot: Large Language Models for Political Texts". *Political Science Research & Methods* 13(2): 264-281.

Ornstein, Joseph T., Amanda J. Heideman, Bryant J. Moy, and Kaylyn Jackson Schiff (2024). "Hometown Advantage: Voter Preferences for Community Embeddedness in Local Contests". *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 12(3):267-281.

Blasingame, Elise N., Christina L. Boyd, Robert F. Carlos, Joseph T. Ornstein (2024). "How the Trump Administration's Quota Policy Transformed Immigration Judging". *American Political Science Review* 118(4):1688-1703.

Ornstein, Joseph T. (2023). "Zone Defense: Why Liberal Cities Build Too Few Homes". *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 35(4):310-323.

Ornstein, Joseph T., Katherine Einstein & Maxwell Palmer (2023). "Who Represents the Renters? How Homeownership Shapes American Politics". *Housing Policy Debate* 33(6):1554-1568.

Combs, Todd B. et al. (2022). "Draining the Tobacco Swamps: Shaping the Built Environment to Reduce Tobacco Retailer Proximity to Residents in 30 Big US Cities" *Health & Place* 75.

Ornstein, Joseph T., Jude C. Hays and Robert J. Franzese (2022). "The Interest Premium for Left

Government: Regression-Discontinuity Estimates". *Economics & Politics* 34(3):429-443.

Ornstein, Joseph T., Ross C. Brownson, Ross A. Hammond, Margaret Padek, and Stephanie Mazzucca (2020). "Rugged Landscapes: Complexity and Implementation Science". *Implementation Science* 15(1):1-9.

Ornstein, Joseph T. (2020). "Stacked Regression and Poststratification". *Political Analysis* 28(2):293-301.

Combs, Todd B., et al. (2020). "Modeling the Impact of Menthol Sales Restrictions & Retailer Density Reduction Policies: Insights from Tobacco Town Minnesota". *Tobacco Control*.

Ornstein, Joseph T. and Ross A. Hammond (2017). "The Burglary Boost: A Note on Detecting Contagion Using the Knox Test". *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 33(1): 65-75.

Ornstein, Joseph T. and Robert Z. Norman (2014). "Frequency of Monotonicity Failure under Instant Runoff Voting: Estimates Based on a Spatial Model of Elections". *Public Choice* 161(1-2): 1-9.

Hammond, Ross A. and Joseph T. Ornstein (2014). "A Model of Social Influence on Body Mass Index". *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* 1331(1): 34-42.

Hammond, Ross A. et al. (2012). "A Model of Food Reward Learning with Dynamic Reward Exposure". *Frontiers in Computational Neuroscience* 6:82.

OTHER
PUBLICATIONS

"Getting the Most Out of Surveys: Multilevel Regression And Poststratification" (2023). Chapter in *Causality in Policy Studies: A Pluralist Toolbox* (ed. Fedra Negri and Alessia Damonte), Springer Nature, 99-122.

Agent-Based Models in the Social Sciences (Chapter 4) and Agent-Based Models in Public Health (Chapter 5), In *New Horizons in Modeling and Simulation for Social Epidemiology and Public Health* (ed. Daniel Kim). Wiley Press, 2021.

Moving From Metrics to Mechanisms to Evaluate Tobacco Retailer Policies: Importance of Retail Policy in Tobacco Control (with Douglas A. Luke, Todd B. Combs, Lisa Henriksen, and Maggie Mahoney). 2020. *American Journal of Public Health* 110(4):431-433 (invited editorial).

WORKING PAPERS

No Evidence that the Electoral Success of the Radical Right Affects the Policy Agendas of Mainstream Parties (with Jack Bailey, revise & resubmit at *British Journal of Political Science*)

Election Timing Revisited: Evidence from California's Voter Participation Rights Act

Gaussian Process Regression Discontinuity (with JBrandon Duck-Mayr)

CONFERENCE
AND INVITED
PRESENTATIONS

2026: Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

2025: Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), Emory University

2024: Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), University of Chicago American Politics Conference, Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth), American Political Science Association (APSA)

2023: Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), American University, American Political Science Assocation (APSA)

2022: ReSPoS Summer School (University of Milan), Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth), American Political Science Association (APSA)

2021: Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth)

2020: International Methods Colloquium, MRP Reading Group

2019: WashU Network for Dissemination and Implementation Research (WUNDIR), Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth), WashU Data Lab, APSA Local Political Economy Pre-Conference, American Political Science Association

2017: Midwest Political Science Association, APSA Local Political Economy Pre-Conference, American Political Science Association

2016: Midwest Political Science Association

2014: Public Choice Society

2010: Public Choice Society

TEACHING

University of Georgia

POLS 8525: Causal Inference (graduate)

POLS 8510: Bayesian Statistics (graduate)

POLS 8500: Text As Data (graduate)

POLS 7012: Introduction to Political Methodology (graduate)

POLS 4641: The Science of Cities

POLS 3230: Political Analysis in R

POLS 3220: How To Predict The Future

Washington University in St. Louis

Benefit-Cost Analysis

Agent-Based Modeling (TA for Ross Hammond)

University of Michigan

The Political Economy of Cities

Political Science Graduate Student Math Camp

International Economic Relations (TA for Andrew Kerner)

Introduction to Models (TA for Scott Page)

Advanced Empirical Modeling for Theory Evaluation (TA for Robert Franzese)

Spatial Econometrics Workshop (TA for Robert Franzese)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (TA for Robert Franzese)

Introduction to World Politics (TA for James Morrow)

Complex Systems Modeling for Public Health Research (TA for Ross Hammond)

ADVISING	**Current Students**

Jeff Milliman (PhD Committee Member)

Sidney Shank (PhD Committee Member)

Andrew Stone (PhD Committee Member)

Yuge Wang (PhD Committee Member)

Yao Yao (PhD Committee Member)

Former Students

Elise Blasingame (PhD 2025, Co-Chair), Assistant Professor of Political Science, Oxford College at Emory University

Gabriel Soyer (PhD 2025, Committee Member), Postdoctoral Fellow, Universite Catholique Louvain

Jake Truscott (PhD 2023; Committee Member), Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Florida

HONORS AND
AWARDS

Law and Courts Best Conference Paper Award (2023)

Evan Ringquist Award, Midwest Political Science Association (2023)

Gosnell Prize, Society for Political Methodology (2022)

ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention (2019)

Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship (2018)

University of Michigan Library Data Grant (2017)

Rackham Conference Travel Grant (2013, 2015, 2016, 2017)

Dartmouth College Neukom Scholarship (2009)

REVIEWER FOR
American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology (JSSAM), Journal of Theoretical Politics, Party Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Analysis, Public Choice, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Behavior, Pediatric Obesity, PS: Political Science & Politics, Representation, Research & Politics

PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS
American Political Science Association, Society for Political Methodology

MISCELLANEOUS
- **Software Proficiencies**: Stata, R, Python, Java, NetLogo, LaTeX
- **Erdős Number**: 3

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