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CONTACT
INFORMATION

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RESEARCH
INTERESTS

How legislative institutions shape behavior and policy; agenda-setting in subnational governments; religion and politics; survey methodology; text data; machine learning

EDUCATION

University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, *exp. May 2026.*
Graduate Research Fellow, The Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center

- Fields: American politics, methodology, public policy
- Dissertation: "Adaptation in Policy Diffusion: Theory, Measurement, and Application in the United States."
- Committee: Michael Crespin (Chair), Rachel Blum, Charles Finocchiaro, Joseph Ripberger, Deven Carlson, Samuel Perry (Sociology)

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI

2023: Bayesian I/II, Measurement and Scaling, Categorical Data.
2022: MLE I/II, Regression III, Causal Inference.

University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

M.A., Political Science, July 2020.
B.S., Political Science *magna cum laude*, May 2018.

PUBLICATIONS

Barron, Nathan T., and Peter T. McLaughlin. "Experimental Evidence of the Benefits and Risks of Credit Claiming and Pork Busting." *Legislative Studies Quarterly.* Forthcoming.
DOI: 10.1111/lsq.12425.

UNDER
REVIEW

"Christian Nationalism and Foreign Policy Attitudes." *with Katie Peach.*

"Credible Claims: The Effect of Committee Positioning on Congressional Credit Claiming." *with Peter McLaughlin.*

"Elections, Partisan Advantage, and Public Opinion on the Filibuster." *with Peter McLaughlin, Rachel Blum, H. Benjamin Ashton, Charles Finocchiaro, and Michael Crespin.*

"Ends versus Means: Public Opinion on Congressional Redistricting." *with Peter McLaughlin, Peter Olson, Rachel Blum, H. Benjamin Ashton, Charles Finocchiaro, and Michael Crespin.*

"Nonpartisan Pork: Partisan Issues and the Effectiveness of Credit Claiming." *with Peter McLaughlin.*

"Presidential Endorsements as Voter Cues: Evidence from the 2022 Midterm Elections." *with Peter McLaughlin, Rachel Blum, H. Benjamin Ashton, Charles Finocchiaro, and Michael Crespin.*

WORKING
PAPERS

"Leveraging LLMs for Validating Treatment Language."

"Schooling Reassignments and the Politics of School Desegregation." *with Deven Carlson, James Carter III, Thurston Domina, Matthew Lenard, and Rachel Perera.*

"Measuring the Procedural Agenda: The Structure of Roll Call Voting in the U.S. Congress" *with Peter McLaughlin, Michael Crespin, Charles Finocchiaro, and David Rohde.*

"Validating A.I.-Generated Visual Treatments for Survey Experiments."

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

"Adaptation in Policy Diffusion." **1.** Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2024. **2.** Conference on Policy Process Research, Syracuse, NY, May 2024.

"Dynamic agenda effects on measuring Congressional bipartisanship." **1.** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, August 2023. *Withdrew.* **2.** Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2024.

"Measuring topic diversity in Congressional bills." **1.** Legislative Politics Conference, Oklahoma City, OK, June 2022. **2.** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, August 2023. *Withdrew.*

"Experimental evidence on public perceptions of Trump endorsees." with Peter T. McLaughlin, Rachel M. Blum, H. Benjamin Ashton, Charles Finocchiaro, and Michael Crespin. **1.** Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2023. **2.** Cooperative Election Study Conference, Sundance, UT, May 2023.

"Extracting text from handwritten letters to members of Congress using AWS Textract." with Michael Crespin and JA Pryse. OU Data Institute for Societal Challenges Digital Humanities Seed Grant Panel, Norman, OK, April 2023.

"Christian nationalism and foreign policy attitudes." with Katie Peach. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2023.

"The moral foundations of Christian nationalism." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC, September 2022.

"The non-partisan benefits of distributive spending." with Peter T. McLaughlin. **1.** Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2022. **2.** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC, September 2022.

"Credible claims: how committee positioning enhances legislative credit claiming." with Peter T. McLaughlin. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2022.

"Multidimensionality and the potential for dimension manipulation in Congressional lawmaking." with Alex P. Smith. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2022.

"The political engagement of the 'spiritual but not religious.' " with Abigail Bitterman. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 2021.

GRANTS AND AWARDS	Research Grant, OU Graduate Student Senate, 2023.
	Dissertation Research Fellowship, OU Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences, 2023.
	Robberson and Wethington Scholarship, OU Graduate College, 2023.
	V. Stanley Vardys Award Co-recipient, OU Department of Political Science, 2023.
	Conference Travel Grant, OU Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences, 2023.
	H.V. Thornton Award, OU Department of Political Science, 2022.
	John W. Wood Award Co-recipient, OU Department of Political Science, 2022.
	V. Stanley Vardys Award, OU Department of Political Science, 2022.
	Conference Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2021.
	Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, OU Office of the Provost, 2021.
	Political Science Graduate Student of the Year, USM School of Social Science, 2020.
	Best Paper in Public Policy, USM Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2017.
	Joseph B. Parker Award in American Politics, USM Department of Political Science, 2016.

Research Grant Amount: $7,000
Travel Grant Amount: $1,025
Other Award Amount: $5,850

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	**University of Oklahoma**, Norman, Oklahoma

Instructor
- P SC 2013 Intro to Political Analysis (face-to-face): Spring 2023.
- P SC 2013 Intro to Political Analysis (online): Summer 2022, 2023.
- P SC 1113 American Federal Government (online): Summer 2021, Fall 2022.

Teaching Assistant
- P SC 3143 U.S. Congress (face-to-face): Fall 2021.
- P SC 1113 American Federal Government (face-to-face): Fall 2020, Spring 2021.

Coding Outreach for Data Education (CODE) Workshop, Norman, Oklahoma
Instructor
- Data Visualization in R, Summer 2023.
- Version Control with Git, Summer 2023.

University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
Instructor
- PS 101 Introduction to American Government (face-to-face): Fall 2019.

Teaching Assistant
- ECON 202 Introduction to Microeconomics, Fall 2018 - Spring 2020.
- ECON 201 Introduction to Macroeconomics, Fall 2018 - Spring 2020.
- ECON 101 Basic Economics, Fall 2018 - Spring 2020.

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Member, OU Data Institute for Societal Challenges, 2022-*current.*

Appointed Member, Bicycle Advisory Committee for the City of Norman, OK, 2022-2023.

Board Member, USM Center for Human Rights and Civil Liberties, 2018-2020.

Political Science Representative, USM Graduate Student Senate, 2019-2020.

Academic Coach, USM New Student and Retention Programs, 2018-2019.

Member, USM Honors College Curriculum Development Committee, 2016.

JOURNAL
REFEREE

Legislative Studies Quarterly