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Nathan T. Barron

positions

Graduate Research Fellow, 2020-present.
Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center, University of Oklahoma.

education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Oklahoma, exp. 2026.
Dissertation: A Counterfactual Theory of Congressional Agenda-Setting.
Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program.
2023: Bayesian Statistics I/II, Measurement and Scaling, Categorical Data.
2022: Regression III, Maximum Likelihood Estimation I/II, Causal Inference.
M.A., Political Science, University of Southern Mississippi, 2020.
B.S., Political Science, University of Southern Mississippi, 2018.

research interests

How legislative institutions shape behavior and outcomes; agenda-setting; public opinion and public institutions; concepts and measurement; agent-based modeling; survey methodology

publications

Barron, Nathan T., Peter T. McLaughlin, H. Benjamin Ashton III, Rachel Blum, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and Michael H. Crespin. "Presidential Endorsements as Voter Cues: Evidence from the 2022 Midterm Elections." Forthcoming. *Political Behavior*.

McLaughlin, Peter T., and Nathan T. Barron. 2025. "Credible Claims: The Effect of Committee Positioning on Congressional Credit Claiming." *American Politics Research*. 53(3): 275-286.

McLaughlin, Peter T., Peter Olson, Nathan T. Barron, H. Benjamin Ashton III, Rachel Blum, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and Michael H. Crespin. "Ends versus Means: Public Opinion on Congressional Redistricting." Forthcoming. *Election Law Journal*.

Barron, Nathan T., and Peter T. McLaughlin. 2024. "Experimental Evidence of the Benefits and Risks of Credit Claiming and Pork Busting." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 49(1): 103-129.

under review

"Beyond Credit Claiming: Protection and Commiseration Messages in Distributive Politics." with Peter McLaughlin. Revise and resubmit at *Political Research Quarterly*.

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

"Public Support for Congressional Candidates Who Use Campaign Funds for Childcare." with Peter McLaughlin, Joy Rhodes, Rachel Blum, H. Benjamin Ashton, Charles Finocchiaro, and Michael Crespin.

working papers

"Agenda Effects in Ideological Scaling: A Reconsideration with Simulation Studies."

"Public Tolerance for Congressional Candidates Involved in Scandals." with Peter McLaughlin.

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

other
works

"Americans are more satisfied when their own party, rather than commissions, controls redistricting." 2025. Cooperative Election Study Blog. *with the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center.*

conference
presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2021-2023, 2025.
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2021-2025.
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024.
Cooperative Election Study Conference, 2023, 2025.
OU Data Institute for Societal Challenges Digital Humanities Seed Grant Panel, 2023.

grants
& awards

Bullard Dissertation Completion Fellowship, OU Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences, 2025.
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: \$18,350

teaching

University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

P SC 3143 U.S. Congress (in-person): Fall 2024.

P SC 2013 Intro to Political Analysis (in-person): Spring 2023.

P SC 2013 Intro to Political Analysis (online): Summer 2022, 2023.

P SC 1113 American Federal Government (online): Summer 2021, Fall 2022.

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, OU Office of the Provost, 2021.

Coding Outreach for Data Education (CODE) Workshop, Norman, Oklahoma

Data Visualization in R, Summer 2023.

Version Control with Git, Summer 2023.

University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

PS 101 Introduction to American Government (in-person): Fall 2019.

professional
service

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

referee
service

The Journal of Politics
Legislative Studies Quarterly
Political Behavior
Political Research Quarterly
Cambridge University Press