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Academic experience

University of Oklahoma

Assistant Professor

Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center

Department of Political Science

Norman, OK

2020–present

Miami University

Assistant Professor

Department of Political Science

Oxford, OH

2016–2020

Education

Georgetown University

MA & PhD, American Government

Dissertation: *The Tea Party: A Party within a Party*

Committee: Hans Noel (chair), Daniel Hopkins, Jonathan Ladd, and Clyde Wilcox

Washington, DC

2010–2016

Patrick Henry College

BA, Political Theory

Purcellville, VA

2006–2010

Other education

ICPSR Summer Program at the University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI

2014

French Immersion Program at the University of Virginia

Charlottesville, VA

2007

Publications

Books

- Rachel M. Blum, *How the Tea Party Captured the GOP: Insurgent Factions in American Politics* (October 2020: University of Chicago Press).
- Rachel M. Blum and Hans Noel, *Cooperating Factions: A Network Analysis of Party Divisions in U.S. Presidential Nominations* (in press with Cambridge University Press *Elements* series, anticipated publication by November 2024).

Articles and book chapters.....

- Christopher S. Parker and Rachel M. Blum, “Exploring the Motivations of the MAGA Movement” in *Connective Action and the Rise of the Far-Right: Platforms, Politics, and the Crisis of Democracy*, eds. Steve Livingston and Michael Miller, in press with Oxford University Press.
- Rachel M. Blum, “The Asymmetry of Movement-Factions in the Democratic and Republican Parties” in *Parties, Power, and Change: Developmental Approaches to American Party Politics*, eds. Adam Hilton and Jessica Hejny, accepted by the University of Pennsylvania Press.
- Jon Green, Kelsey Shoub, Rachel M. Blum, Lindsey Cormack, “Cross-Platform Partisan Positioning in Congressional Speech,” *Political Research Quarterly* (published online March 2024), doi:10.1177/10659129241236685.
- Rachel M. Blum and Mike Cowburn, “How Local Factions Pressure Parties: Activist Groups and Primary Contests in the Tea Party Era,” *British Journal of Political Science* (published online June 2023), doi:10.1017/S0007123423000224.
- Rachel M. Blum, Lindsey Cormack, and Kelsey Shoub, “Conditional Communication: How Members of Congress Use Public Facing Communication,” *Political Science Research Methods* (September 2022), 1-8, doi:10.1017/psrm.2022.28.
- Rachel M. Blum, “Review of *At War with Government: How Conservatives Weaponized Distrust from Goldwater to Trump*. By Amy Fried and Douglas B. Harris. New York: Columbia University Press, 2021. 305p. \$120.00 cloth, \$30.00 paper.,” *Perspectives on Politics* 20, no 2 (2022), 739-740.
- Rachel M. Blum, “Review of *African American Tea Party Supporters: Explaining a Political Phenomenon*. By Kirk A. Johnson. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2019. 218 pages, \$90, hardback.,” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 6, no. 1 (2021): 282-285.
- Rachel M. Blum and Christopher S. Parker, “Trump-ing Foreign Affairs: The Role of Status Threat in Mass Foreign Policy Preferences,” *Perspectives on Politics* 17, no. 3 (2019): 737-755, doi:10.1017/S1537592719000999.
- Sarah E. Croco, Elizabeth Suhay, Rachel Blum, Lilliana Mason, Hans Noel, Jonathan Ladd, and Michael A. Bailey, “Student-Run Exit Polls 101,” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 52, no. 2 (2019): 361-366.
- Rachel M. Blum and Clyde Wilcox, “A Tangled Web: Religion and the Regime in the US,” in *Religion and Regimes: Support, Separation, and Opposition*, eds. Ted Jelen and Tehran Tamadonfar (Lexington: Lexington Books, 2013).

Other publications.....

- Christopher Sebastian Parker and Rachel M. Blum, “Why the GOP Can’t Quite Trump,” *Monkey Cage (Washington Post)*, March 2021.
- Solomon Messing, Patrick Van Kessel, Adam Hughes, Nick Judd, and Rachel M. Blum, “Partisan Conflict and Congressional Outreach,” a Pew Research Center Report (February 2017).

- o Rachel M. Blum and Christopher S. Parker, “Is there such a thing as a Conservative Foreign Policy?” in the Brookings Governance Series (October 2014).

Ongoing research projects

Under review

- o Rachel Blum, Mike Cowburn, and Seth Masket, “Who Decides?: Media, MAGA, Money, and Mentions in the 2022 Republican Primaries,” R&R at *Political Research Quarterly* .
- o Peter McLaughlin, Nathan Barron, Bennie Ashton, Rachel Blum, Chuck Finocchiaro, and Michael Crespin, “Ends Versus Means: Public Support for Congressional Redistricting,” R&R at *Election Law Journal*.
- o Nathan Barron, Peter McLaughlin, Bennie Ashton, Rachel Blum, Chuck Finocchiaro, and Michael Crespin, “Presidential Endorsements as Voter Cues: Evidence from the 2022 Midterm Elections,” under review as of February 2024.

In progress

- o William Bianco, Rachel Blum, and Josh McCrain, “Partisanship and Inequality in COVID-19” (book project with Russell Sage Press).
- o Rachel Blum, Jon Green, Kelsey Shoub, and Lindsey Cormack, “Does the Medium Change the Message? Comparing Results Across Five Mediums of Congressional Text,” (working paper, presented at the 2024 meeting of the MPSA).
- o Rachel M. Blum and Monica C. Schneider, “The Politics of Ableism and Support for Disability Policy,” (working paper, presented at the 2024 meeting of the MPSA).
- o Rachel M. Blum and Josh McCrain, “Unveiling Ableism: A Conjoint Experiment on Disability and Electability,” (working paper, accepted for presentation at the 2024 meeting of the Society for Political Methodology).
- o Rachel M. Blum and Hans C. Noel, “Intra-Party Factions in Inter-Party Politics,” (working paper, accepted for presentation at the 2024 meeting of the APSA).

Select presentations

American Political Science Association	2014-2024
Midwest Political Science Association	2014-2024
Society for Political Methodology	2014, 2017, 2018, 2024
Southern Political Science Association	2012-2017, 2022, 2024
Visions in Methodology	2024
Georgetown University’s Government Department Seminar Series	2023
Harvard Kennedy School’s Stone Inequality and Social Policy Seminar Series	2023
Cooperative Election Study Conference	2023

Cornell University's Government Department Seminar Series	2023
APSA Pre-conference on Politics and Computational Social Science	2018, 2019
Atlantische Forum Speaker Series	2021
Florida International University's Department of Politics & IR Speaker Series	2021
University of Wisconsin Madison Election Research Center Symposium	2020
Indiana University's Center on American Politics Speaker Series	2019
Political Networks	2014, 2016-2019
Miami University's Center for Analytics and Data Science	2018
St. Louis Area Methods Meeting	2018
Merthan Conference on Political Activists in a Polarized Age	2015

Teaching

University of Oklahoma

Norman, OK

Fall 2020-present

- o Community Scholars (P SC 4023)
- o Political Parties (P SC 5400)
- o Congress in the Political System (P SC 5263)
- o Introduction to Political Analysis (P SC 2013)
- o American Political Parties (P SC 3413)
- o Political Science Internship (P SC 3910)

Miami University

Oxford, OH

Fall 2016-Spring 2020

- o Foundations of Political Analysis (POL 601)
- o Public Policy Research (POL 604)
- o Thesis Writing Workshop (POL 605)
- o Political Parties (POL 358)
- o Public Opinion Laboratory (POL 307)
- o Introduction to the American Political System (POL 241)
- o Statistical Analysis Workshop (non-credit)
- o Center for Data Analytics Data Awareness Micro-credential instructor

Georgetown University

Washington, DC

Summer 2014-Summer 2015

- o Introduction to the US Political System
- o Politics of the Tea Party, Georgetown University (undergraduate seminar)

Other teaching

Washington, DC

Summer 2011-Summer 2013

- o Composure Under Fire (Foreign Service Institute of the U.S. Department of State)
- o Fundamental Techniques of Debate and Public Speaking (Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies)

Fellowships and grants

Visiting Fellowship in Assessment for College Board’s AP Program	2024
Russell Sage Foundation Research Grant (\$138,832)	2021
Miami University Manuscript Preparation Grant	2019
Miami University College of Arts and Sciences Summer Grant	2018
Miami University OARS Diversity and Inclusion Grants	2017
Miami University Committee on Faculty Research Grant	2017
Georgetown University Summer Collaborative Research Grant	2015
Georgetown University ICPSR Summer Program Fellowship	2014
Georgetown University Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship	2014
NSF Fellowship for Political Methods Meeting	2014, 2017-2018
NSF Fellowship for Political Networks Conference	2014-2015, 2018
Georgetown University Jill Hopper Memorial Fellowship and Teaching Award	2014

Service

Service to the discipline	
Section chair, Midwest Political Science Association	Spring 2021, Spring 2025
Member, Nominations Committee, Society for Political Methodology	Fall 2019-present
Member, Executive Council, Political Networks Section	2018-2023
Book Review Editor, <i>The Forum Journal</i>	Fall 2019-Summer 2022
Section chair, Southern Political Science Association	Spring 2021
Moderator, SSRC and IDDP plenary panel	Spring 2021
Conference program chair, 2020 Political Networks Meeting	Spring 2020
Chair, Political Networks Section Conference Paper Award Committee	Spring 2018
Member, Political Networks Section Political Ties Award Committee	Spring 2017
Peer Reviewer, various journals and organizations	Ongoing
o Includes: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Party Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Communication, Political Science Research Methods, Politics and Religion, Congress and the Presidency, Politics and Governance, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, etc.	

Service to the University

- University of Oklahoma
- o Faculty Advisor of OU’s chapter of the National Education for Women’s (NEW) Leadership program (Spring 2020-Spring 2024)
 - o Panelist, University of Oklahoma Foundation Women’s Philanthropy Network (Spring

2021)

- o Member, Vaccine Misinformation Big Idea Challenge Proposal Working Group (Fall 2020-Spring 2021)

Miami University

Fall 2016-Spring 2018

- o Member, Capital Campaign Big Data Working Group
- o Speaker, Provost's Series on Diversity and Inclusion, Miami University
- o Speaker, Roundtable on Executive Orders, Miami University
- o Speaker, Pop-up Lecture on the 2016 Presidential Election
- o Speaker, Learning in Retirement Presidential Election Forum
- o Speaker, College of Arts and Science's Advisory Board Dinner

Service to the Department

University of Oklahoma

- o Doctoral advisor (Joy Rhodes)
- o Doctoral thesis committee member (Henry Ashton, Peter McLaughlin, Nathan Barron, J.J. Ames, Kaitlin Diodosio)
- o Carl Albert Fellow mentor (various)

Miami University

Fall 2016-Spring 2020

- o M.A. thesis committee chair (seven students)
- o M.A. thesis committee member (multiple)
- o Member, search committee in American Politics and Methods
- o Member, American Political System Committee
- o Member, Graduate Studies Committee
- o Member, Political Theory and Methodology Committee
- o Member, Political Science Awards Committee
- o Member, Faculty Research Colloquium Committee

Georgetown University

Fall 2011-Spring 2015

- o President, Quantitative Models Working Group
- o Treasurer, Quantitative Models Working Group
- o President, Graduate Political Science Association
- o Officer, Graduate Political Science Association

Other professional experience

Red Line Press

Content Consultant

2016-2020

Content editor for middle school and high school textbooks on the 2016 and 2020 presidential elections

Pew Research Center

Data Labs Fellow

2015-2016

Research Assistant

Michael Bailey 2015
Real Stats textbook

Editorial Assistant

Clyde Wilcox 2014
Women in Elected Office (3rd edition)

Media and outreach

Select interviews and editorials

- o Rachel Blum and Mike Cowburn, "The long shadow of the Tea Party and the Republican Party's shift to the right," London School of Economics and Political Science Blog, June 28, 2023
- o Interview, "The House Speaker battle has roots in the Tea Party Movement," NPR: All Things Considered, January 2023
- o Regular contributor of political commentary, ABC KOCO, 2020-2022
- o Contributor of political commentary, Fox 5 New York, 2021-2022
- o Interview on book, New Books in Political Science Podcast, August 2021
- o Interview on book, Kudzu Vine Political Podcast, May 2021
- o Interview on book, Mischiefs of Faction, The Tea Party and the rise of a Conservative Insurgency, May 2021
- o Interview on future of the Republican Party, Muslim Network TV, January 2021 and June 2021
- o Political commentary on inauguration, Al Jazeera, January 2021
- o Interview on Capital insurrection, CBC Radio Vancouver, January 2021, February 2021
- o Interview, Politics in Question Podcast, January 2021
- o Political commentary on civil unrest and contemporary politics, ATTN, Fall 2020-Spring 2021
- o Regular contributor to "The Political Junkie" show, Cincinnati Edition (NPR affiliate WVXU), Fall 2019-Spring 2021
- o Interview on book, Indivisible Chicago Podcast, November 2020
- o Interview on book, Doomed Podcast, September 2020
- o Interview on book, Cincinnati Edition (NPR), September 2020
- o Interview, Niskanen Center, "How the Tea Party Paved the Way for Donald Trump," September 2018.
- o TV commentary on Midterm Elections, CTV News Channel of Canada, November 2018
- o Video commentary, SAGE Research Methods, "Data Science, Big Data Analytics, & Digital Methods", Summer 2018.

- o Rachel M. Blum, “What Donald Trump’s rhetoric borrows from the Tea Party,” *Mischiefs of Faction*, February 9, 2017.
- o Rachel M. Blum, “Wait, the Tea Party’s Back? Lessons from Eric Cantor’s Defeat,” *Mischiefs of Faction*, June 11, 2014.

Commentary and research featured in.....

- o *Newsweek*, January 2023.
- o *Time Magazine*, November 2022.
- o *The Hill*, November 2022.
- o *USA Today*, November 2022.
- o *The Oklahoman*, January 2022 & November 2022.
- o *Daily Kos*, January 2022.
- o *Weekendavisen*, January 2022.
- o *Efe News*, November 2021.
- o *New York Times*, February 2021, August 2021
- o *Tulsa World*, July 2021
- o *Norman Transcript*, June 2021,
- o *Public Seminar*, June 2021
- o *Washington Post*, May 2021
- o *Vox*, March 2021
- o *Mic*, March 2021
- o *OU Daily*, March 2021
- o *Boston Globe*, February 2021
- o *CNN*, February 2021
- o *University of Washington News*, February 2021
- o *The Atlantic*, January 2021
- o *Dziennik Gazeta Prawna* (Polish Newspaper), January 2021
- o *El Nuevo Herald*, December 2020.
- o *Denver Post*, July 2020
- o *Wallet Hub*, March 2020
- o *Ohio Capital Journal*, March 2020
- o *Governing Magazine*, January 2019
- o *Reuters*, September 2018.
- o *La Presse*, November 2017
- o *The Daily Beast*, April 2017

References

Hans Noel: Associate Professor of Political Science	<i>Georgetown University</i>
Daniel Hopkins: Professor of Political Science	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
Jonathan Ladd: Associate Professor of Political Science	<i>Georgetown University</i>
Paul Kellstedt: Professor of Political Science	<i>Texas A&M University</i>