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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Oklahoma

Professor of Political Science, August 2026–present
Director of Graduate Studies, August 2023–present
Chair, Community Engagement + Experiments Lab, August 2015–present
Associate Professor of Political Science, August 2019–2026
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2012–2019
Faculty, Latinx Studies Program, August 2017–present
Core Affiliate Faculty, Women and Gender Studies, December 2019–present

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University

Ph.D. Political Science, 2012
Distinguished University Fellow
Research Interests: American politics, political behavior, race, religion, gender, immigration, political psychology, policy attitudes

Intra-University Consortium of Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

Advanced Statistical Methods, 2006

Union College (NY)

BA, Political Science, 2005
Summa cum Laude, *Phi Beta Kappa*, and Union College Scholar

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS

Ascendium Group Award, Rural Talent Lab, \$7.274 million, 2025–2029
Best Overall Paper, SPSA, 2024
Best Women and Politics Paper, SPSA, 2024
Public Religion Research Institute Fellowship, 2023–2025
Best Latinx Politics Paper, WPSA, 2017
Risser Award for Innovative Teaching, University of Oklahoma, 2018–2019
Exceptional Community Service (Oklahoma), Prayer Breakfast Comm., 2021

BOOKS

The Everyday Crusade: Christian Nationalism in American Politics. 2022. With Eric L. McDaniel and Irfan Nooruddin. *Cambridge University Press*. [doi](#)

Selected as an American Library Association's Choice Review for being in the **Top Ten Percent of Academic Books Reviewed in 2022** (2023)

Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics (Critical Dialogues)* (2023); *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* (2023); *American Library Association's Choice Reviews* (2023), *Presidential Studies Quarterly* (2024), *Journal of Church and State* (2024)

Author Meets Critics: American Political Science Association, Montreal, Canada. Panelists: Mirya Holman, Vince Hutchings, Joshua Kertzer, Ismail White, and Janelle Wong. (2023)

Featured on *CNN's coverage of Oklahoma's Bible mandate*

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. "In the Shadow of the Ivory Tower: An Ethical Evaluation of Public Perceptions of University Presidents' Political Endorsements." With Travis Ruddell, Alisa Fryar, and Will J. Livingston. 2026. *Public Integrity*, 28(2): 151–170. [doi](#)
2. "Mental Health Correlates of Changes to Reproductive Healthcare Laws in 2022: Quantitative and Qualitative Findings from Oklahoma." 2025. With Munjireen S. Sifat, Laili Kharazi Boozary, Tina N. Le, Julia McQuoid, Brittany Zaring-Hinkle, Sarah Tonkin, Lizbeth Benson, Bingjing Mao, Motolani Ogunsanya, Ruosi Shao, Amy M. Cohn, and D. Kendzor. *BMC Public Health*, 25(1):1-15. [doi](#)
3. "White or Woke Christian Nationalists? How Race Moderates the Link Between Christian Nationalism and Progressive Identities." 2025. With Samuel Perry, Eric L. McDaniel, and Joshua Grubbs. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 89(1): 98-124. [doi](#)
4. "Mobilizing Fears: Perceptions of Deportation Risk and Political Participation in 2016" With Ana Bracic and Mackenzie Israel-Trummel. 2025. *Policy Studies Journal*: 1–14. [doi](#) *Best Paper Award on Latina/Latino Politics, WPSA*
5. "Ethnocultural or Generalized? Nationalism and Support for Punitive Immigration Policy." With Ana Bracic and Allyson Shortle. 2022. *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 11(5): 979--996. [doi](#)
6. "Gender Attitudes, Support for Teacher's Strikes, and Legislative Elections" With Ana Bracic, Mackenzie Israel-Trummel, and Sarina Rhinehart. 2020. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 53(3): 447–452. [doi](#)
7. "Is Sexism for White People? Gender Stereotypes, Race, and the 2016 Presidential Election" With Ana Bracic and Mackenzie Israel-Trummel. 2019. *Political Behavior*, 41, 281–307. [doi](#)
8. "Exit Polling: Field Research and Pedagogical Benefits of Community Engagement" With Ana Bracic and Mackenzie Israel-Trummel. 2017. *Oklahoma Politics*, 27: 27–54. [doi](#)

9. "Owning Immigration: Messenger Ethnicity, Issue Talk, and Support for Latino Candidates" With Tyler Johnson. 2017. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, 2(2): 233–259. 2017. [doi](#)
10. "Proud to be an American? The Changing Relationship of National Pride and Identity" With Eric L. McDaniel and Irfan Nooruddin. 2016. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, 1(1): 145–176. [doi](#)
11. "Religious Nationalism and Perceptions of Muslims and Islam" With R. Keith Gaddie. 2015. *Politics and Religion*, 8: 435–457. [doi](#)
12. "Divine Boundaries: How Religion Shapes Citizens' Attitudes Toward Immigrants" With Eric L. McDaniel and Irfan Nooruddin. 2011. *American Politics Research*, 39(1): 205–233. [doi](#)

BOOK REVIEWS "Review: Righting the American Dream: How the Media Mainstreamed Reagan's Evangelical Vision." *Politics Religion*. In Press. [doi](#)

"Critical Dialogue, Response to review of: The Everyday Crusade: Christian Nationalism in American Politics. Cambridge University Press, 2022." With Irfan Nooruddin and Eric L. McDaniel. *Perspectives on Politics*. 21(3): pp. 1066 - 1067. 2023. [doi](#)

"Critical Dialogue, Review of Embattled America: The Rise of Anti-Politics and America's Obsession with Religion.' By Jason C. Bivins. With Irfan Nooruddin and Eric L. McDaniel. New York: Oxford University Press, 2022. 352p 34.95 cloth" *Perspectives on Politics*. 21(3): pp. 1062 - 1064. 2023. [doi](#)

"Review: Religion, Race, and COVID-19. Edited by J. Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas. New York: New York University Press." *Sociology of Religion*. 84 (1): pp. 100-101. 2023. [doi](#)

"Review: Religion and Nationalism in Global Perspective. By J. Christopher Soper and Joel S. Fetzer. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press." 2020. *Politics and Religion*, 13(2): 1–3. [doi](#)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS "Fertilizing or Felling the Tree of Knowledge?: Christian Nationalism and Public Attitudes about Higher Ed." With Brooklyn Walker. 2026. In *White Christian Nationalism and the Assault on American Education*. Joseph DeVitis, Ed. Palgrave. Accepted.

"Oklahoma's News MediaEcosystem Phase II Research Status and Suggestions for Local News." 2022. *Oklahoma Media Center*. *Featured on Medium as one of the top ten journalism collaborations worldwide, 2023

“Public Opinion and the Path to Immigration Reform.” 2013. *Extensions: A Journal of the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center*, Spring Issue.

“Value Recruitment in the Debate Over Teaching Evolution.” With Thomas E. Nelson and Dana Wittmer. 2009. In *Winning with Words: The Origins of Framing*. Brian Schaffner and Patrick Sellars, Eds. Routledge Press.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

“Most Republican states have made voting harder since 2020. Our research shows how successful they’ve been” With Kathryn Schumaker. 30 October 2024. *The Conversation*. **Featured in Newsweek**

“How Race, Religion, and Democratic Attitudes Affect Social Policy Attitudes” With Michael Fisher, Dheepa Sundarum, and Danielle Boaz. 24 September 2024. *Public Religion Research Institute Spotlight*. **Featured in the Miami Herald, Alabama Observer, and Sacramento Bee**

“Study shows Taylor Swift’s endorsement may turn off voters Harris needs” With Brooklyn Walker and Mark Harvey. 20 September 2024. *The Hill Op Ed*. **Featured on France 24**

“Taylor Swift, White Womanhood, and the Political Battle Over Who Gets to Be the Face of the Nation.” 2024. *Public Religion Research Institute Spotlight*.

“Americans are Growing More Accepting of Christian Nationalism.” With Eric L. McDaniel and Irfan Nooruddin. 1 September 2022. *Monkey Cage Blog*.

“Nationalists in Christianity’s Clothing.” With Eric L. McDaniel and Irfan Nooruddin. 12 July 2021. *Washington Post Op-Ed*

“End Anonymous Shell Companies to Crack Down on Human Trafficking” With Andrea Benjamin. 30 June 2020. *The Oklahoman*.

“Notes from the Politics and Religion Section Chair: 2018 MPSA Conference.” 2 April 2018. *Religion in Public Blog*.

“Is Sexism for White People? Gender Stereotypes, Race, and the 2016 Presidential Election.” With Ana Bracic and Mackenzie Israel-Trummel. 26 February 2018. *Political Behavior Blog*.

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

“What’s for Lunch?: Anti-Muslim Attitudes, School Lunch Policy, and the Battle to Curate Citizenship in Austria and Slovenia.” With Ana Bracic and Mackenzie Israel-Trummel.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Resisting Resistance: The Growth of Christian Nationalism in American Politics."

"An Experimental Analysis of Christian Nationalism's Demobilizing Effects in Local Electoral Contexts." With Michael Fisher, Jr.

"Voters Gonna Vote, Vote, Vote, Vote, Vote: Taylor Swift and Voter Mobilization." With Brooklyn Walker and Mark Harvey.

"Public Skepticism in the Economic Value of Higher Education." With Christina Ladam, Alisa Fryar, and Andrew Koricich.

INVITED TALKS

OPSA Keynote Speaker, November 2026, Weatherford, OK

St. Anselm College, September 2026, Manchester, NH

University of Cincinnati, Taft Lecture, April 2026, Cincinnati, OH

Washington University St. Louis, March 2025, St. Louis, MO

University of Sydney (AUS) United States Studies Centre, November 2024, Washington, D.C., USC Dornsife Capital campus

Doane University, October 2024, Crete, NE

Summit for Religious Freedom, Spring 2023, Washington, D.C.

Union College, Spring 2023, Schenectady, NY

George Mason University, Fall 2022, Washington, DC

Penn State University, Fall 2019, State College, PA

College of Charleston, December 2017, Charleston, SC

UCLA, August 2017, Los Angeles, CA

University of Cincinnati, December 2010, Cincinnati, OH

University of Oklahoma, December 2010, Norman, OK

CONFERENCE TALKS

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2026 Chicago, IL

Mid-Atlantic Conference on Race, Gender, Immigration, and Ethnicity, March 2025 St. Louis, MO

American Political Science Association, September 2024 Philadelphia, PA

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Southern Political Science Association, January 2024 New Orleans, LA
 Collaborative Journalism Summit, March 2024 Detroit, MI
 Rural Renewal Initiative Conference, 2023 Lonewolf, OK
 Midwest Political Science Association, April 2023 Chicago, IL
 American Political Science Association, September 2022 Montreal, Quebec, CAN
 Public Management Research Conference, May 2022 Phoenix, AZ
 Midwest Political Science Association, April 2022 Chicago, IL
 Southern Political Science Association, January, 2022 San Antonio, TX
 Western Political Science Association, April, 2019, San Diego, CA
 American Political Science Association, September, 2018, Boston, MA
 Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Conference, April, 2018, East Lansing, MI
 Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2018, Chicago, IL
 Western Political Science Association, March/April, 2018, San Francisco, CA
 American Political Science Association, August/September, 2017, San Francisco, CA
 Western Political Science Association, April, 2017, Vancouver, CA
 Politics of Race, Ethnicity, Immigration Conference, September, 2016, University of California–Riverside.
 American Political Science Association, September, 2016, Philadelphia, PA
 Midwest Political Science Association, April, Chicago, IL
 Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2015, Chicago, IL
 Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2014, Chicago, IL.
 Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2013, Chicago, IL
 Southern Political Science Association, January, 2013, Orlando, FL
 Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2012, Chicago, IL
 American Political Science Association, September, 2011, Seattle, WA Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2011, Chicago, IL
 Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2010, Chicago, IL
 Southern Political Science Association, January, 2010, Atlanta, GA
 International Studies Association, April, 2010, New Orleans, LA
 European Consortium of Politics and Research, October, 2009, Potsdam, Germany
 American Political Science Association, September, 2009, Boston, MA
 Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2009, Chicago, IL
 Southern Political Science Association, January, 2008, New Orleans, LA
 Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2007, Chicago, IL

HONORS & AWARDS

Co-recipient, Ascendium Education Group Grant, 2025–2029 (\$7.274 million)
 Fellow, Pulaski Institution, 2025–present
 Fellow, Alliance for Research on Regional Colleges, 2023–present
 Fellow, Public Religion Research Institute, 2023–2025
 Recipient, 2024 Best Overall Paper Award, SPSA, 2024
 Recipient, 2024 Marian Irish Award for Best Women and Politics Paper, SPSA, 2024

Recipient, Midwest City Prayer Breakfast Committee Award for Exceptional Community Service to the state of Oklahoma, 2021
 Fellow, Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Diversity and Development, 2021 (\$5,000)
 Awardee, College of Arts & Sciences, Senior Faculty Fellowship, Summer 2021 (\$7,000)
 Awardee, University of Oklahoma College of Arts & Sciences Sabbatical, 2020
 Fellow, Risser Innovative Teaching, University of Oklahoma, 2018-2019 (\$10,000)
 Honorarium for Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Conference, Spring 2018, Michigan State University (\$350)
 Recipient, Best Paper Award on Latina/Latino Politics, Western Political Science Association, 2017
 Finalist, Nancy Weiss-Malkiel Scholarship, Woodrow Wilson Center, 2017
 Awardee, Slovenian and U.S. Comparative Study of Refugees and the Media, 2017 (\$2,000)
 Awardee, College of Arts & Sciences, Faculty Assistance Program Grant for research, Spring 2016 (\$3,000)
 Awardee, College of Arts & Sciences, Internal Funding for OU Community Engagement Experimental Lab, 2015 (\$12,268)
 Awardee, College of Arts & Sciences, Faculty Enrichment Grant, Spring 2013 (\$1,250)
 Awardee, College of Arts & Sciences, Junior Faculty Fellowship, Summer 2013 (\$7,000)
 Awardee, College of Arts & Sciences, Junior Faculty Fellowship, Summer 2012 (\$7,000)
 Fellow, The Ohio State University Distinguished University Fellowship, 2005, 2011
 Awardee, Mershon Center for International Security Dissertation Grant, 2010 (\$5,000)
 Member, Phi Beta Kappa, 2004
 Member, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, 2004
 Member, Union College Scholar, 2001-2005
 Awardee, Presidential Scholarship, Union College, 2001-2005
 Recipient, Pell Grant, Union College, 2001-2005

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Oklahoma GOP Gubernatorial Primary Poll, Design and Fielding Advisor (N=500), 2026
 Co-Principal Investigator, OU, Rural Talent and Advancement Laboratory, 2024-2029
 Principal Investigator, National Values Study (N=2500), 2025
 Fellow, Public Religion Research Institute, 2023-2025
 Principal Investigator, 2024 Norman Election Day Exit Poll (N=684), 2024
 Principal Investigator, Higher Ed Evaluations and Politics in America Survey, 2024 (N=1,500)
 Fellow, Alliance for Research on Regional Colleges, 2023-2024
 Co-Principal Investigator, Citizen Attitudes toward Post-secondary Education (CAPE) Survey 2023 (N=1,200)
 Principal Investigator, Oklahoma City Exit Poll (N=800), 2022 midterms
 Pollster instructor, Oklahoma State Exit Poll, conducted by News 9, News on 6,

SoonerPoll, 2022 midterms
 Principal Investigator, Norman Transcript/OU Pre-Election Community Poll 2022 (N=500)
 Co-Principal Investigator, The Oklahoma City Exit Poll 2016 (N=1,327), 2018 (N=1,363)
 Principal Investigator, American Federal Government Freshmen and Sophomore Democracy Survey 2017 (N=500), 2020 (N=580)
 Principal Investigator, Democracy Study Survey 2021 (N=5,606)
 Contributor, Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Survey (CMPS) 2016, 2020, 2024
 Co-Principal Investigator, Collaborative Assessment of Public Opinion Survey 2021 (N=3,542)
 Co-Principal Investigator, Collaborative Admission Preferences Survey 2021 (N=800)
 Co-Founder and Faculty Advisory Board Chair, Community Engagement and Experiments Lab, University of Oklahoma, 2015–present
 Research Assistant, Prof. Irfan Nooruddin, The Ohio State University, 2009-2010
 Human Subjects Coordinator, Political Research Laboratory, The Ohio State University, 2008-2009
 Research Assistant, Prof. Thomas Nelson, The Ohio State University, 2006-2008

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Committee to assess the Status of Women in the South, SPSA, 2026
 Member, Best Women and Politics Conference Paper Committee, APSA, 2025
 Member, Best Grad Student Paper Award Committee, APSA, 2025
 Recruiter, Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, Duke University, 2022–present
 Member, SPSA Executive Nominating Committee, 2024–2025
 Reviewer, APSA’s Dissertation Development and Improvement Grants, 2024–2025
 Reviewer, APSA’s Religion and Politics Small Grants Committee, 2024–2025
 Section Head, Religion and Politics SPSA, 2024-2025.
 Reviewer, Russell Sage Foundation, 2024–2025
 Section Head, Religion and Politics MPSA, 2022-2023.
 Gladys M. Kammerer “Best Book on National Policy” Award Committee member, APSA, 2020-2021
 Section Head, Political Psychology, SPSA, 2020-2021
 APSA leadership, Executive Council member, Race Ethnicity Politics Section, 2019-present
 Pi Sigma Alpha “Best Paper” Award committee, WPSA, 2018-2019.
 Section Head, Religion and Politics MPSA, 2018.
 Discussant & Chair, APSA, 2011, 2016, 2017, MPSA 2009–2016, SPSA 2008, 2010, 2022
 Member, APSA, MPSA, WPSA, SPSA
 Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *PS: Political Science*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Politics & Religion*, *Politics & Gender*, *Politics, Groups, & Identities*, *Journal of Race*,

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Undergraduate Teaching—University of Oklahoma

P SC 1113: American Federal Government
P SC 1113H: American Federal Government Honors
P SC 3033: Religion and Politics
P SC 3073: Immigration Politics
P SC 3090: Experiments: Identity Politics
P SC 3423: Public Opinion
P SC 3723: Political Psychology
P SC 3763: The Oklahoma City Exit Poll
P SC 3763: Norman Exit Poll
P SC 3980: Honors Research
P SC 3990: Independent Study
P SC 4900: Senior Capstone in Political Science “Locally Engaged Research”

Graduate Teaching—University of Oklahoma

P SC 5400: Political Attitudes and Behaviors
P SC 5400: Public Opinion and Political Psychology
P SC 5423: Mass Politics
Political Science Summer Statistics Training (2023)

**GRADUATE
STUDENTS
ADVISED**

Current students

Laken DeBoard (PhD, Chair)
Francis Doherty (PhD, Chair)
Jennifer Perez Sandoval (PhD, Chair)
Alexis Jones (PhD)
Kristina Young (PhD)
William J. Livingston (PhD)
Emily Guajardo (PhD - Mass Communications & Journalism, OU)
Adam Ray (PhD - Higher Education, Appalachian State)

PhD placements

Vicki Lavastida (2026 PhD, Western Texas A & M, tenure-track)
Peter Kasahara (2026 PhD, USDA)
Jonathan Noah Wolff (2024 PhD, University of Cincinnati, tenure-track)
Aarika Forney (2024 PhD, Kennesaw State University, tenure-track)
Sarina Rhinehart (2021 PhD, OK Dept of Education, Director of Data Quality and Reporting)

Dylan Billings (2019 PhD, OK State, Assistant Teaching Prof)
Jason Pudlo (2017 PhD, Eastern Carolina, tenure-track)
Jonathan Moore (2016 PhD, OK Dept of Human Services, Senior Researcher)