Dr. Rachel M Blum

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Academic Experience

University of Oklahoma   **Norman, OK**
Assistant Professor   *2020–present*
Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center
Department of Political Science

Miami University   **Oxford, OH**
Assistant Professor   *2016-2020*
Department of Political Science

Education

Georgetown University   **Washington, DC**
MA & PhD, American Government   *2010–2016*
Dissertation: The Tea Party: A Party within a Party
Committee: Hans Noel (chair), Daniel Hopkins, Jonathan Ladd, and Clyde Wilcox

Patrick Henry College   **Purcellville, VA**
BA, Political Theory   *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

o Rachel M. Blum, *How the Tea Party Captured the GOP: Insurgent Factions in American Politics* (September 2020: University of Chicago Press)

Articles

o 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.

o Sarah E. Croco, Elizabeth Suhay, Rachel Blum, Lilliana Mason, Hans Noel, JonathanLadd, and Michael A. Bailey, "Student-Run Exit Polls 101," *PS: Political Science & Politics* 52, no. 2 (2019): 361-366.

Other Publications

o 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).

o 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).

Select Research Projects

Solo-authored

o Rachel M. Blum, "Parties in Miniature: Where Factions Fit in U.S. Party Coalitions" (working paper).

o Rachel M. Blum, "Party Factions and Party Primaries" (in progress).

o Rachel M. Blum, "Ideological Renegotiations: How Factions Force Parties to Evolve" (in progress).

Co-authored

o Rachel M. Blum, Lindsey Cormack, and Kelsey Shoub, "Conditional Communication:How Members of Congress Use Public Facing Communication" (working paper).

o Rachel M. Blum and Hans Noel, "Presidential Nominations and Coalition Politics: Detecting Internal Party Divisions In Network Data" (working paper).

o Rachel M. Blum and Alexander Podkul, "Team Players: Campaign Donations and-Party Factions" (working paper).

o Monica Schneider, Rachel M. Blum, Justin Holmes, and Dara Strolovitch, "Support for Disability Assistance? The Role of Deservingness in American Public Opinion" (working paper)

o Rachel M. Blum and Abigail Matthews, "Friends of Morality: Amicus Curiae Networks in State Court Cases on Abortion and Gay Marriage" (in progress).

Select Presentations

American Political Science Association	*2014–2019*
APSA Pre-conference on Politics and Computational Social Science	*2018–2019*
Midwest Political Science Association	*2014–2019*

Political Networks	*2014, 2016–2019*
Indiana University's Center on American Politics Speaker Series	*2019*
Miami University's Center for Analytics and Data Science	*2018*
Society for Political Methodology	*2014, 2017–2018*
St. Louis Area Methods Meeting	*2018*
Southern Political Science Association	*2012–2017*
Merthan Conference on Political Activists in a Polarized Age	*2015*

Teaching

University of Oklahoma   **Norman, OK**
Fall 2020–
o Community Scholars (P SC 4023)
o Introduction to Political Analysis (P SC 2013)

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

Manuscript Preparation Grant, Miami University	*2019*
College of Arts and Sciences Summer Grant, Miami University	*2018*
Miami University OARS Diversity and Inclusion Grants	*2017*
Committee on Faculty Research Grant, Miami University	*2017*
Summer Collaborative Research Grant, Georgetown University	*2015*

ICPSR Summer Program Fellowship, Georgetown University	*2014*
Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship, Georgetown University	*2014*
NSF Fellowship for Political Methods Meeting	*2014, 2017–2018*
NSF Fellowship for Political Networks Conference	*2014–2015, 2018*
Jill Hopper Memorial Fellowship and Teaching Award	*2014*

Service

Service to the discipline

Book Review Editor, *The Forum Journal*	*Fall 2019–*
Member, Nominations Committee, Society for Political Methodology	*Fall 2019–*
Member, Executive Council, Political Networks Section	*Fall 2018–*
Chair, Political Networks Section Conference Paper Award Committee	*Spring 2018*
Member, Political Networks Section Political Ties Award Committee	*Spring 2017*
Peer Reviewer, various journals	*Ongoing*

o American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Party Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Science Research Methods, Politics and Religion, Congress and the Presidency, Politics and Governance, and State Politics and Policy Quarterly.

Service to the University

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

Miami University   *Fall 2016–Spring 2020*

o M.A. thesis committee chair (Kyle Chance, Carolyn Dinehart, Gabrielle Hesslau, Caleb Stidham, Sara Carnahan, Quinn Riley, and Muriel Truax)
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*

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

Service to the community

Instructor, Women's Self Defense and Grappling Class *2019-2020*

Speaker, Women's Capital Club of Cincinnati *Fall 2016*

Speaker, Girls who Code Oxford, OH chapter *Fall 2016*

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*

Michael Bailey
Research Assistant *2015*
Real Stats textbook
Clyde Wilcox
Editorial Assistant *2014*
Women in Elected Office (3rd edition)

Media

Commentary

- Regular contributor to "The Political Junkie" show, Cincinnati Edition (NPR affiliate WVXU), Fall 2019–.
- Niskanen Center interview, "How the Tea Party Paved the Way for Donald Trump," September 2018.
- SAGE Research Methods Video: Data Science, Big Data Analytics, & Digital Methods, Summer 2018.
- Rachel M. Blum, "What Donald Trump's rhetoric borrows from the Tea Party," *Mischiefs of Faction*, February 9, 2017.
- Rachel M. Blum, "Wait, the Tea Party's Back? Lessons from Eric Cantor's Defeat," *Mischiefs of Faction*, June 11, 2014.
- Featured commentary for Wallet Hub, March 2020
- TV commentary for CTV News Channel of Canada, November 2018
- Featured commentary for *La Presse*, November 2017
- Featured commentary for *Daily Beast*, April 2017

Background interviews

- *Denver Post*, July 2020
- *Ohio Capital Journal*, March 2020
- *Governing Magazine*, January 2019
- *Reuters*, September 2018.

References

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