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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.....

- 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, Jonathan Ladd, and Michael A. Bailey, “Student-Run Exit Polls 101,” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 52, no. 2 (2019): 361-366.

Other Publications.....

- o Christopher Sebastian Parker and Rachel M. Blum, “Why the GOP Can’t Quite Trump,” *Monkey Cage* (*Washington Post*), March 2021.
- o 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,” *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* (2020): 1-3.
- 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” (draft chapter for edited volume).

Co-authored.....

- o Rachel M. Blum and Christopher S. Parker, *The Enemy Within: The MAGA Movement and American Democracy* (monograph, in progress with University of Chicago Press).
- o Rachel M. Blum, Lindsey Cormack, and Kelsey Shoub, “Conditional Communication: How Members of Congress Use Public Facing Communication” (under review at *Political Science Research Methods* since April 2021).
- o Rachel M. Blum and Mike Cowburn, “How Local Factions Pressure Parties: Activist Groups and Primary Contests in the Tea Party Era” (under review at *British Journal of Political Science* since September 2021).
- o William Bianco, Rachel Blum, and Josh McCrain, “Representation, Responsiveness, and COVID-19” (Grant proposal for research project, revised and resubmitted to Russell Sage Foundation in September 2021)
- o Rachel M. Blum and Nick Judd “Team Players: Campaign Donations and Party Factions” (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, Lindsey Cormack, Jon Green, and Kelsey Shoub, “Measuring Partisanship in Congressional Speech” (working paper).
- o Henry Ashton, Rachel M. Blum, Peter McLaughlin, and Sarina Rhinehart, “When Members of Congress Endorse” (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

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
American Political Science Association	2014–2019
APSA Pre-conference on Politics and Computational Social Science	2018–2019
Midwest Political Science Association	2014–2020
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–present

- 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

Russell Sage Foundation Grant Proposal, revisions resubmitted	2021
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, <i>The Forum Journal</i>	<i>Fall 2019–</i>
Section chair, Southern Political Science Association	<i>Spring 2021</i>
Section chair, Midwest Political Science Association	<i>Spring 2021</i>
Moderator, SSRC and IDDP plenary panel	<i>Spring 2021</i>

- Conference program chair, 2020 Political Networks Meeting *Spring 2020*
- 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 and organizations *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, Israel Science Foundation.

Service to the University.....

- University of Oklahoma *Fall 2020–*
 - o Panelist, University of Oklahoma Foundation Women’s Philanthropy Network
 - o Member, Vaccine Misinformation Big Idea Challenge Proposal Working Group
- 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 *Fall 2021–*
 - o Doctoral thesis committee member (Henry Ashton)
 - o External doctoral thesis committee member (Michael Cowburn, University of Frankfurt)
 - o Carl Albert Fellow mentor
 - o Faculty director, National Education for Women (NEW) Leadership Program Spring 2021
- Miami University *Fall 2016–Spring 2020*
 - o M.A. thesis committee chair (multiple)
 - 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

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

Research Assistant

- Michael Bailey* 2015
- Real Stats* textbook

Editorial Assistant

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

Media and Outreach

Interviews and editorials.....

- o Regular contributor of political commentary, *ABC KOCO*, November 2020–
- o Contributor of political commentary, *Fox 5 New York*, January 2021–
- 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

- Political commentary on civil unrest and contemporary politics, *ATTN*, Fall 2020–Spring 2021
- Regular contributor to “The Political Junkie” show, Cincinnati Edition (NPR affiliate WVXU), Fall 2019–Spring 2021
- Interview on book, *Indivisible Chicago Podcast*, November 2020
- Interview on book, *Doomed Podcast*, September 2020
- Interview on book, *Cincinnati Edition (NPR)*, September 2020
- Interview, *Niskanen Center*, “How the Tea Party Paved the Way for Donald Trump,” September 2018.
- TV commentary on Midterm Elections, CTV News Channel of Canada, November 2018
- Video commentary, *SAGE Research Methods*, “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.

Commentary and research featured in.....

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

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