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Academic experience

University of Oklahoma <i>Assistant Professor</i> Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center Department of Political Science	Norman, OK 2020–present
Miami University <i>Assistant Professor</i> Department of Political Science	Oxford, OH 2016–2020

Education

Georgetown University <i>MA & PhD, American Government</i> 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 <i>BA, Political Theory</i>	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 and book chapters.....

- o 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.
- 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).
- 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/under contract.....

- Rachel M. Blum, “Parties in Miniature: Where Factions Fit in U.S. Party Coalitions” in *Placing Parties in American Political Development*, eds. Adam Hilton and Jessica Hejny, R&R with the University of Pennsylvania Press as of June 2023.
- Rachel M. Blum and Christopher S. Parker, “Will the Real Republicans Please Stand Up?: Election Denial and the Rift on the American Right,” under review at *Public Opinion Quarterly*, submitted March 2023.
- Rachel Blum, Mike Cowburn, and Seth Masket, “Who Decides?: Media, MAGA, Money, and Mentions in the 2022 Republican Primaries,” under review at *Perspectives on Politics*, submitted June 2023.

- o Rachel M. Blum and Hans Noel, *Cooperating Factions: A Network Analysis of Party Divisions in U.S. Presidential Nominations* (manuscript under contract with the Cambridge University Press *Elements* series as of June 2023).

In progress

- o Rachel M. Blum, Lindsey Cormack, Jon Green, and Kelsey Shoub, “Measuring Partisanship in Congressional Speech” (working paper, presented at the 2022 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association).
- o Rachel M. Blum and Christopher S. Parker, *The Enemy Within: The MAGA Movement and American Democracy*, (monograph, additional data collection and writing in progress, anticipated publication with University of Chicago Press).
- o William Bianco, Rachel Blum, and Josh McCrain, “Partisanship, Not Inequality, Drives COVID Vaccinations,” (working paper, submitted at the 2022 meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA)).
- o William Bianco, Rachel Blum, and Josh McCrain, “The New Politics of Distribution: The Paycheck Protection Program,” (working paper, accepted for presentation at the 2023 meeting of the MPSA).
- o Nathan Barron, Peter McLaughlin, Rachel Blum, Bennie Ashton, Chuck Finnochario, and Michael Crespín, “The Trump Effect: Experimental Evidence on Public Perceptions of Trump Endorses,” (working paper, accepted for presentation at the 2023 meeting of the MPSA).

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	2014–2022
Southern Political Science Association	2012–2017, 2022
APSA Pre-conference on Politics and Computational Social Science	2018–2019
Midwest Political Science Association	2014–2023
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
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 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

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.....

- Book Review Editor, *The Forum Journal* Fall 2019–Summer 2022
- Section chair, Southern Political Science Association Spring 2021
- Section chair, Midwest Political Science Association Spring 2021
- Moderator, SSRC and IDDP plenary panel Spring 2021
- 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 Communication, 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–Spring 2021
- 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 Fall 2021–
- o Doctoral thesis committee member (Henry Ashton, Peter McLaughlin, Nathan Bar-

- ron, Joy Rhodes)
 - o Carl Albert Fellow mentor (various)
 - o Faculty director, Carl Albert Center’s National Education for Women (NEW) Leadership Program Spring 2021
- 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 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

- Interview on book, *Kudzu Vine Political Podcast*, May 2021
- Interview on book, *Mischiefs of Faction*, The Tea Party and the rise of a Conservative Insurgency, May 2021
- Interview on future of the Republican Party, *Muslim Network TV*, January 2021 and June 2021
- Political commentary on inauguration, *Al Jazeera*, January 2021
- Interview on Capital insurrection, *CBC Radio Vancouver*, January 2021, February 2021
- 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.....

- *Time Magazine*, November 2022.
- *The Hill*, November 2022.
- *USA Today*, November 2022.
- *The Oklahoman*, January 2022 & November 2022.
- *Daily Kos*, January 2022.
- *Weekendavisen*, January 2022.
- *Efe News*, November 2021.
- *New York Times*, February 2021, August 2021
- *Tulsa World*, July 2021
- *Norman Transcript*, June 2021,
- *Public Seminar*, June 2021
- *Washington Post*, May 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