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Nathan T. Barron

positions

Research Fellow, 2020-present.
     Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center, University of Oklahoma.

education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Oklahoma, exp. 2026.
     Dissertation: Theory and Measurement of Agenda Setting in the House of Representatives.
Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program
     2023: Bayesian Statistics I/II, Measurement and Scaling, Categorical Data
     2022: Regression III, Maximum Likelihood Estimation I/II, Causal Inference
M.A., Political Science, University of Southern Mississippi, 2020.
B.S., Political Science, University of Southern Mississippi, 2018.

research interests

How legislative institutions shape behavior and policy; agenda setting; public opinion and public institutions; natural language processing and inference; survey methodology

publications

McLaughlin, Peter T., and **Nathan T. Barron**. "Credible Claims: The Effect of Committee Positioning on Congressional Credit Claiming." Forthcoming. *American Politics Research*.

McLaughlin, Peter T., Peter Olson, **Nathan T. Barron**, H. Benjamin Ashton III, Rachel Blum, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and Michael H. Crespin. "Ends versus Means: Public Opinion on Congressional Redistricting." Forthcoming. *Election Law Journal*.

Barron, Nathan T., and Peter T. McLaughlin. 2024. "Experimental Evidence of the Benefits and Risks of Credit Claiming and Pork Busting." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 49(1): 103-129.

under review

"Christian Nationalism and Foreign Policy Attitudes." *with Katie Peach*. Revise and resubmit at *Political Behavior*.

"Public Support for Congressional Candidates Who Use Campaign Funds for Childcare." *with Peter McLaughlin, Joy Rhodes, Rachel Blum, H. Benjamin Ashton, Charles Finocchiaro, and Michael Crespin*.

"Presidential Endorsements as Voter Cues: Evidence from the 2022 Midterm Elections." *with Peter McLaughlin, Rachel Blum, H. Benjamin Ashton, Charles Finocchiaro, and Michael Crespin*. Revise and resubmit at *Political Behavior*.

working papers

"Backlash? Schooling Reassignments and the Politics of School Desegregation." *with Deven Carlson, Thurston Domina, James Carter III, Rachel Perera, and Matthew Lenard*.

"Does the Medium Change the Message? Topics and Context In Five Venues of Congressional Communication." *with Rachel Blum, Jon Green, Diana Jordan, and Kelsey Shoub*.

"Measuring the Procedural Agenda: Roll Call Voting in the U.S. Congress, 1973-2024." *with Peter McLaughlin, Michael Crespin, and Charles Finocchiaro*.

"Nonpartisan Pork: Partisan Issues and the Effectiveness of Credit Claiming." *with Peter McLaughlin*.
"Public Tolerance for Political Scandal." *with Peter McLaughlin*.

other works

"Americans are more satisfied when their own party, rather than commissions, controls redistricting." 2025. Cooperative Election Study Blog. *with the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center*.

conference presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2021-2023
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2021-2025
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024
Cooperative Election Study Conference, 2023
OU Data Institute for Societal Challenges Digital Humanities Seed Grant Panel, 2023

grants & awards

Research Grant, OU Graduate Student Senate, 2023.
Dissertation Research Fellowship, OU Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences, 2023.
Robberson and Wethington Scholarship, OU Graduate College, 2023.
V. Stanley Vardys Award Co-recipient, OU Department of Political Science, 2023.
Conference Travel Grant, OU Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences, 2023.
H.V. Thornton Award, OU Department of Political Science, 2022.
John W. Wood Award Co-recipient, OU Department of Political Science, 2022.
V. Stanley Vardys Award, OU Department of Political Science, 2022.
Conference Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2021.
Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, OU Office of the Provost, 2021.
Political Science Graduate Student of the Year, USM School of Social Science, 2020.
Best Paper in Public Policy, USM Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2017.
Joseph B. Parker Award in American Politics, USM Department of Political Science, 2016.

Research Grant Amount: $7,000
Travel Grant Amount: $1,025
Other Award Amount: $5,850

teaching

University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma
P SC 3143 U.S. Congress (in-person): Fall 2024.
P SC 2013 Intro to Political Analysis (in-person): Spring 2023.
P SC 2013 Intro to Political Analysis (online): Summer 2022, 2023.
P SC 1113 American Federal Government (online): Summer 2021, Fall 2022.
Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, OU Office of the Provost, 2021.

Coding Outreach for Data Education (CODE) Workshop, Norman, Oklahoma
Data Visualization in R, Summer 2023.
Version Control with Git, Summer 2023.

University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
PS 101 Introduction to American Government (in-person): Fall 2019.

professional
service

Member, OU Data Institute for Societal Challenges, 2022-*current*.
Board Member, USM Center for Human Rights and Civil Liberties, 2018-2020.
Political Science Representative, USM Graduate Student Senate, 2019-2020.
Academic Coach, USM New Student and Retention Programs, 2018-2019.
Member, USM Honors College Curriculum Development Committee, 2016.

referee
service

Legislative Studies Quarterly
Political Behavior
Political Research Quarterly