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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Florida Atlantic University 2026 -

Areas of Specialization

U.S. Congress, roll call voting, agenda setting, policy making, legislative-executive relations, public opinion on political institutions, measurement, computational text analysis, survey experiments

Education

PhD in Political Science, University of Oklahoma 2026
MA in Political Science, University of Southern Mississippi 2020
BS in Political Science, University of Southern Mississippi 2018

OTHER TRAINING

Graduate Research Fellow, Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center 2020-2026
Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Workshop 2022, 2023

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED

5. McLaughlin, Peter T., and Nathan T. Barron. 2026. “Beyond Credit Claiming: Protection and Commiseration Messages in Distributive Politics.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 79(1): 189–203.
4. Barron, Nathan. T., Peter T. McLaughlin, H. Benjamin Ashton III, Rachel Blum, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and Michael H. Crespin. 2026. “Presidential Endorsements as Voter Cues:

Evidence from the 2022 Midterm Elections.” *Political Behavior*. 48: 1075–1098.

3. McLaughlin, Peter T., and Nathan T. Barron. 2025. “Credible Claims: The Effect of Committee Positioning on Congressional Credit Claiming.” *American Politics Research*. 53(3): 275-286.
2. McLaughlin, Peter T., Peter Olson, Nathan T. Barron, H. Benjamin Ashton III, Rachel Blum, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and Michael H. Crespín. 2025. “Ends versus Means: Public Opinion on Congressional Redistricting.” *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy*. 24(3): 287-301.
1. 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.

BLOGS

- “Americans are more satisfied when their own party, rather than commissions, controls re-districting.” 2025. Cooperative Election Study Blog. with the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center.

Working Papers

- “Backlash? Schooling Reassignments and the Politics of School Desegregation.” with Deven Carlson, Thurston Domina, James Carter III, Rachel Perera, and Matthew Lenard.
- “Christian Nationalism and Foreign Policy Attitudes.” with Katie Peach and Laken DeBoard.
- “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.
- “Public Support for Congressional Candidates Who Use Campaign Funds for Childcare.” with Peter McLaughlin, Joy Rhodes, Rachel Blum, H. Benjamin Ashton III, Charles Finocchiaro, and Michael Crespín.
- “Public Tolerance for Congressional Candidates Involved in Scandals.” with Peter McLaughlin.

Conference Presentations

2025

- “Agenda-setting, Ideal Point Estimation, and (Mis)Measuring Congressional Polarization.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Vancouver, BC, Canada).
- “All Hat and No Cattle? Rethinking Measures of Urban-Rural.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Vancouver, BC, Canada).
- “All Hat and No Cattle? Rethinking Measures of Urban-Rural.” Presented at the Cooperative Election Study Conference (Brighton, UT).
- “Agenda-setting, Ideal Point Estimation, and (Mis)Measuring Congressional Polarization.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL).

2024

- “Dynamic Agenda Effects on Measuring Congressional Bipartisanship.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA).
- “Elections, Partisan Advantage, and Public Opinion on the Filibuster.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA).

2023

- “Experimental Evidence on Public Perceptions of Trump Endorsements.” Presented at the Cooperative Election Study Conference (Sundance, UT).
- “Recovering Text from Handwritten Letters using AWS Textract.” Presented at the OU Data Institute for Societal Challenges Digital Humanities Seed Grant Panel (Norman, OK).
- “American Christian Nationalism and International Conflict Intervention.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL).
- “The Trump Effect: Experimental Evidence on Public Perceptions of Trump Endorsees.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL).

2022

- “Moral Foundations of Christian Nationalism.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Montreal, QC, Canada).
- “Partisan Cues and the Effectiveness of Credit Claiming.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Montreal, QC, Canada).
- “How Legislative Committee Membership Impacts Credit Claiming.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL).
- “Topic Diversity in Congressional Legislation: A Machine Learning Approach.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL).

- “Partisan Cues and the Effectiveness of Credit Claiming.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL).

Grants and Awards

MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS

Bullard Dissertation Completion Fellowship, OU Office of the Provost (\$12,000)	2025
Dissertation Research Fellowship, OU Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences (\$5,000)	2023

OTHER GRANTS

Research Grant, OU Graduate Student Senate (\$750)	2023
Robberson and Wethington Scholarship, OU Graduate College (\$5,000)	2023
Conference Travel Grant, OU Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences (\$750)	2023
H.V. Thornton Award, OU Department of Political Science (\$1,250)	2022
Conference Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (\$300)	2022

AWARDS

V. Stanley Vardys Award Co-recipient, OU Department of Political Science	2023
John W. Wood Award Co-recipient, OU Department of Political Science	2022
V. Stanley Vardys Award, OU Department of Political Science	2022
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

Teaching

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

U.S. Presidency (in-person)	Fall 2026
Government of the United States (in-person)	Fall 2026

University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

U.S. Congress (in-person)	Fall 2024
Intro to Political Analysis (in-person)	Spring 2023

Intro to Political Analysis (online)
American Federal Government (online)

Summer 2022, Summer 2023
Summer 2021, Fall 2022

University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
Introduction to American Government (in-person)

Fall 2019

Service

TO THE PROFESSION

Moderator, SocArXiv

2025-*current*

TO THE UNIVERSITY

Member, FAU Political Science Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

2026-*current*

Member, OU Data Institute for Societal Challenges

2022-2026

Graduate Student Representative, OU Political Science Hiring Committee

2025

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

TO THE COMMUNITY

Appointed Member, Bicycle Advisory Committee for the City of Norman, OK

2022-2023

Referee Service

The Journal of Politics

Legislative Studies Quarterly

Political Behavior

Political Research Quarterly

Cambridge University Press