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APPOINTMENTS **University of Iowa** Iowa City, Iowa
Assistant Professor of Political Science 2024 – Present
Inaugural Provost AI Faculty Fellow 2025 – Present
Researcher Affiliate, Center for Social Science Innovation 2024 – Present

EDUCATION **University of North Carolina** Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Ph.D., Political Science May 2024
• Concentrations: American Politics, Political Methodology
Master of Arts, Political Science August 2021
University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan
Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Political Science May 2019

BOOKS **Case, Colin R.** and Rachel Porter. *Scaling the Meaning of Text with Word Embeddings*. Cambridge Elements Series: Elements in Quantitative and Computational Methods for the Social Sciences. *Under Contract*.

JOURNAL ARTICLES **Case, Colin R.** Forthcoming. “[Measuring Strategic Positioning in Congressional Elections](#)” *Journal of Politics*.

- Winner of 2024 *Evan Ringquist Award* for best paper on political institutions presented at the MPSA Annual Meeting.

Porter, Rachel, **Colin R. Case**, and Sarah A. Treul. 2025. “[CampaignView, A Database of Policy Platforms and Biographical Narratives for Congressional Candidates](#).” *Scientific Data*. 12, 1237

Case, Colin R. and Rachel Porter. 2025. “[Conceptualizing and Measuring Early Campaign Fundraising in U.S. House Elections](#).” *Political Science Research and Methods*. 1–16.

Baumgartner, Frank R., **Colin R. Case**, and Will Spillman. 2024. “[Purchasing Privilege? How Status Cues Affect Police Suspicion in Routine Traffic Stops](#).” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. 13 (3): 596–613.

Case, Colin R. and Sarah A. Treul. 2024. “[The Selling of Experience in the 2022 Congressional Elections](#).” *Journal of Political Marketing*. 1–14.

Case, Colin R. and Emily Cottle Ommundsen. 2024. “[Partisan Appeals to Bipartisanship](#).” *Political Behavior*. 46(1):451–471.

WORKING PAPERS	<p>Case, Colin R. and Rachel Porter. “Strategic Heterogeneity in Policy-Level Positioning: Evidence from Congressional Campaigns.” <i>Invited to Revise and Resubmit at American Journal of Political Science</i></p> <p>Case, Colin R., Emily Cottle Ommundsen, and Rachel Porter. “Bipartisan Campaign Messages are Credible Policymaking Signals.” <i>Under Review</i></p> <p>Case, Colin R. “Coloring within the Party Lines: Candidate Branding in Primary Elections.”</p> <p>Case, Colin. R., Audrey Sachleben and Sarah A. Treul. “Issue Publics and Issue Voting in Primary Elections.”</p>																
IN PROGRESS	<p>Case, Colin. R and Emily Cottle Ommundsen. “Congressional Campaign Promises and Legislative Collaboration.”</p> <p>Case, Colin. R and Emily Cottle Ommundsen. “MemberGPT: Generative AI and Congressional Capacity”</p> <p>Case, Colin R. “The Primary Effect: How Intraparty Competition Shapes Congressional Behavior”</p>																
OPEN DATA	<p>CampaignView: U.S. House Campaign Website Archive</p> <p>Word Embedding Strategic Positioning Scores (WEB Scores) for U.S. House Candidates</p> <p>Early Money Fundraising Estimates for U.S. House Candidates</p>																
PUBLIC WRITING	<p>Case, Colin R. 16 October, 2025. “How Extreme Primary Challengers Increase Polarization in Elections.” <i>Unite America Institute.</i></p> <p>Hetherington, Marc J., Michael Greenberger, Colin Case, Abby Cassario, and David A.M. Peterson. 28 January, 2020. “How are Iowa voters picking candidates?” <i>The Monkey Cage – Washington Post</i></p>																
AWARDS AND HONORS	<p>External</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-bottom: 10px;">IHS Course Support Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (\$27,516)</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">• <i>Co-PI: Emily Cottle Ommundsen</i></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-bottom: 10px;">Small Grant Awards, Center for Effective Lawmaking (\$1,500)</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">• <i>Co-PI: Emily Cottle Ommundsen</i></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-bottom: 10px;">Evan Ringquist Award, Midwest Political Science Association</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-bottom: 10px;">Evaluating Partisan Primaries & Reform Solutions, Unite America (\$21,745)</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">• <i>Co-PI: Rachel Porter</i></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-bottom: 10px;">Small Grant Awards, Center for Effective Lawmaking (\$1,000)</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">2023</td> </tr> </table>	IHS Course Support Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (\$27,516)	2025	• <i>Co-PI: Emily Cottle Ommundsen</i>		Small Grant Awards, Center for Effective Lawmaking (\$1,500)	2024	• <i>Co-PI: Emily Cottle Ommundsen</i>		Evan Ringquist Award, Midwest Political Science Association	2024	Evaluating Partisan Primaries & Reform Solutions, Unite America (\$21,745)	2023	• <i>Co-PI: Rachel Porter</i>		Small Grant Awards, Center for Effective Lawmaking (\$1,000)	2023
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PolMeth Travel Award, Society for Political Methodology 2023
 MPSA Mini-Conference Travel Award, Junior Americanist Workshop Series 2023

Internal

Old Gold Summer Fellowship, University of Iowa CLAS (\$6,000) 2025
 Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Research Award, UNC Political Science (\$7,000) 2023
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 Summer “Top Up” Award, UNC Political Science (\$3,000 per year) 2019 – 2023
 Mark Gerstein Research Fund, University of Michigan Political Science 2018

TEACHING

University of Iowa

Introduction to American Politics F24
 Congressional Elections F24, S26
 Artificial Intelligence in American Politics S27
 Intermediate Methodology (Graduate) S26, S27
 Text as Data (Graduate) S25
 The U.S. Congress (Graduate) F25

University of North Carolina

Introduction to American Politics SU2022, S2023
 Data in Politics S2024

Student Advising

Dissertation Committee: Taylor Tokos, Timothy Yen, Hyeri Seo

Pedagogical Training

Early Career Faculty Academy, University of Iowa Center for Teaching 2024-2025
 Course Design Institute, University of Iowa Center for Teaching 2025

INVITED

Unite America Research Symposium 2024

PRESENTATIONS

American Politics Research Group, UNC Political Science 2023

SMALL

Primary Elections MPSA CWC 2024, 2025

CONFERENCE

Junior Americanist Workshop Series MPSA CWC 2023

PRESENTATIONS

ANNUAL

American Political Science Association 2022

CONFERENCE

Midwest Political Science Association 2021 – 2025

PRESENTATIONS

Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting 2022, 2023, 2025

Southern Political Science Association 2022

SERVICE

Discipline Service

Co-Organizer, Primary Elections MPSA CWC 2024 – Present

Department Service

American Politics Comprehensive Exam Committee	S2025
Computing and Technology Committee	2024 – 2025
Department Executive Committee	2024 – 2025
Methodology Comprehensive Exam Committee	F2025
Undergraduate Studies Committee	2025 – Present

Reviewer

Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Analysis, State Politics & Policy Quarterly

Discussant

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting

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