

Taylor Tokos

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Political Science, University of Iowa** 2027 (expected)
Dissertation: “Strategic Representation through Bill Complexity: How Legislators Use Technical and Structural Complexity in Policymaking.”
Chair: Frederick J. Boehmke
Committee Members: Tracy Osborn, Colin Case, Justin Kirkland
- M.A., Political Science, University of Iowa** 2023
- B.A., Political Science, Creighton University, Omaha, NE** 2021

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

American Politics

Legislative Studies, State Politics, Women and Politics, Representation, Policymaking

Methodology

Statistical Modeling, Data Visualization, Text Analysis, Data Management

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Coll, Joseph A., Rachel S. Torres, and **Taylor Tokos**. 2026. “The Electoral Race Card: How Racially Coded Claims of Voter Fraud Reduce Voter Confidence among Racially Polarized White Americans.” *Politics and Governance* 14. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.11587>.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Boehmke, Frederick J., Thomas Dainty, Samantha J. DeRagon, Hyein Ko, **Taylor Tokos**, Tianhui Wu, and Weidong Zhang. “The Use of Data Visualization in Political Science.” *Political Science and Politics*.

WORKING PAPERS

- Tokos, Taylor**. “The Substance and Style of Lawmaking Linguistic and Compositional Bill Complexity in the U.S. House, 1993–2025.”
- Tokos, Taylor**, Caroline Tolbert, and Richard Witmer. “Native American Voter Turnout: The Impact of Election Laws and Administrative Capacity.”
- Osborn, Tracy, Anna Mahoney, Brody DeBettignies, **Taylor Tokos**, and Olive Kuester. “Party Power: Understanding Women Legislators’ Status within Parties in the State Legislatures.”
- Boehmke, Frederick J., Bruce A. Desmarais, Jeffrey J. Harden, Samuel Harper, Hyein Ko, Taegyeon Kim, Johabed Olvera, Isaac Pollert, Tracee Saunders, and **Taylor Tokos**. “Diffusion in a Time of Uncertainty: How the Determinants of State Policy Choices Changed During the Pandemic.”
- Boehmke, Frederick J., Bruce A. Desmarais, Jeffrey J. Harden, Hyein Ko, Johabed Olvera, Tracee Saunders, and **Taylor Tokos**. “The Evolution of State Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic.”
- Boehmke, Frederick J., Bruce A. Desmarais, Jeffrey J. Harden, Samuel F. Harper, Hyein Ko, Tracee Saunders, and **Taylor Tokos**. “Lessons About State Policy Responses to COVID-19 Through Data Visualization.”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Primary Instructor**, University of Iowa
POLI 1100: Introduction to American Politics (40 students) Spring 2026
- Guest Lecturer**, University of Iowa
POLI 7003: Advanced Methodology Fall 2024
Gave a lecture on data visualization to second year Ph.D. students in the Advanced methodology class. This lecture included creating maps, descriptive data visualizations, and post-estimation visualizations.
- Teaching Assistant**, University of Iowa
POLI 1501: Introduction to American Foreign Policy Spring 2023
- Teaching Assistant**, University of Iowa
POLI 1100: Introduction to American Politics Fall 2022
- Primary Instructor**, University of Iowa
POLI 1100: Introduction to American Politics (Online) Fall 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant**, Frederick J. Boehmke Fall 2023-present
- Research Assistant**, Colin R. Case Summer 2025
- Research Assistant**, Tracy Osborn Summer 2023
- Research Assistant**, Caroline J. Tolbert Summer 2023

WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Department of Political Science Methods Workshop** Fall 2025
“The Use of Data Visualization in Political Science.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Bill Complexity in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1993-2025.”
WiLS 2025, Champaign, IL
- “Party Power: Understanding Women Legislators’ Status within Parties in the State Legislatures.”
WiLS 2025, Champaign, IL
- “The Heterogeneous Effect of State Ideology on State Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic.”
SPPC 2025, Boston, MA
- “State Policy Responses to COVID-19: 8 Takeaways Through Visualizations.”
MPSA 2025, Chicago, IL
- “The Evolution of State Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic.”
MPSA 2025, Chicago, IL
- “The Use of Data Visualization in Political Science.”
MPSA 2025, Chicago, IL
- “Native American Voter Turnout: The Impact of Voting Laws and Election Administrative Capacity.”
MPSA 2024, Chicago, IL
- “A Comprehensive Look at State Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic”
MPSA 2024, Chicago, IL
- “Native American Voter Turnout: The Impact of Voting Laws and Election Administrative Capacity.”
ESRA 2024, Los Angeles, CA
- “American Indian Turnout and Election Law Change.”
MPSA 2022, Chicago, IL

SKILLS

Programming Languages

Stata, R, LaTeX, Qualtrics

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Stata Workshop Instructor, University of Iowa Spring 2024

Taught a workshop to first-year Ph.D. students. This workshop introduces graduate students to coding in Stata, and covers topics ranging from data management, exploration, and visualization.

Peer Mentor, Iowa Graduate Association of Political Scientists 2023-2024

AFFILIATIONS

Midwest Political Science Association 2021 - Present

Women in Legislative Studies 2024 - Present

The Society for Political Methodology 2025 - Present

American Political Science Association 2025 - Present

REFERENCES

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