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Academic Employment

University of Oklahoma	Professor, 2025–present; Associate Professor, 2017–2025
University of South Carolina	Associate Professor, 2012–2017; Assistant Professor, 2007–2012
University at Buffalo, SUNY	Assistant Professor, 2003–2007

Administrative Appointments & Affiliations

University of Oklahoma:

Associate Director, Carl Albert Congressional Research & Studies Center, 2018–

Acting Director, Carl Albert Congressional Research & Studies Center, Fall 2022

Faculty Affiliate, Institute for the American Constitutional Heritage, 2018–

University of South Carolina:

Vice Chair, Department of Political Science, 2016–2017

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, 2012–2013

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Michigan State University, 2003

M.A. Political Science, Michigan State University, 1999

B.A. Political Science, Grove City College, 1997

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Nathan T. Barron, Peter T. McLaughlin, Rachel Blum, B. Henry Ashton, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and Michael H. Crespin. 2026. "Presidential Endorsements as Voter Cues: Evidence from the 2022 Midterm Elections." *Political Behavior* 48: 1075-1098.

Peter T. McLaughlin, Peter Olson, Nathan T. Barron, B. Henry Ashton, Rachel Blum, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and Michael H. Crespin. 2025. "Ends Versus Means: Public Support for Congressional Redistricting." *Election Law Journal* 24: 287-301.

David Darmofal, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and Indridi H. Indridason. 2025. "Roll-Call Voting Under Random Seating Assignment." *Political Science Research & Methods* 13: 76-95.

Charles J. Finocchiaro and Scott A. MacKenzie. 2024. "Grist for the Hill: How Constituency Demand and Committee Service Influence Legislators' Attention to Issues." *Journal of Politics* 86: 1541-1556.

Peter T. McLaughlin, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and Michael H. Crespin. 2024. "Strategic States: The Congressional Roots of Federal Grant Applications." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 24: 389-412.

H. Benjamin Ashton, Matthew Geras, Sarina Rhinehart, and Charles J. Finocchiaro. 2024. "'All in the Family?': Assessing the Impact of Child Gender on Congressional Behavior." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 12: 1193-1203.

Robert M. Stein, Christopher Mann, Charles Stewart, III, ... Charles J. Finocchiaro, ... Julie Wronski (42 authors). 2020. "Waiting to Vote in the 2016 Presidential Election: Evidence from a Multi-county Study." *Political Research Quarterly* 73: 439-453.

Charles J. Finocchiaro and Scott A. MacKenzie. 2018. "Making Washington Work: Legislative Entrepreneurship and the Personal Vote from the Gilded Age to the Great Depression." *American Journal of Political Science* 62: 113-131.

Christopher B. Mann, Gayle A. Alberda, Nathaniel A. Birkhead, ... Charles J. Finocchiaro, ... Julie Wronski (33 authors). 2018. "Pedagogical Value of Polling Place Observation by Students." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 51: 831-837.

Susanne Schorpp and Charles J. Finocchiaro. 2017. "Congress and the President in Times of War." *American Politics Research* 45: 840-865.

Charles J. Finocchiaro and Jeffery A. Jenkins. 2016. "Distributive Politics, the Electoral Connection, and the Antebellum U.S. Congress: The Case of Military Service Pensions." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 28: 192-224.

Austin Clemens, Michael H. Crespin, and Charles J. Finocchiaro. 2015. "Earmarks and Subcommittee Government in the U.S. Congress." *American Politics Research* 43: 1074-1106.

Austin Clemens, Michael H. Crespin, and Charles J. Finocchiaro. 2015. "The Political Geography of Distributive Politics." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 40: 111-136.

Austin Clemens, Michael H. Crespin, and Charles J. Finocchiaro. 2013. "Pork-Barreling in Australian Politics: A Reconsideration of Leigh." *Australian Journal of Political Science* 48: 221-232.

Michael H. Crespin and Charles J. Finocchiaro. 2013. "Elections and the Politics of Pork in the U.S. Senate." *Social Science Quarterly* 94: 506-529.

Benjamin J. Kassow and Charles J. Finocchiaro. 2011. "Responsiveness and Electoral Accountability in the U.S. Senate." *American Politics Research* 39: 1019-1044.

Jamie L. Carson, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and David W. Rohde. 2010. "Consensus, Conflict, and Partisanship in House Decision Making: A Bill-Level Examination of Committee and Floor Behavior." *Congress & the Presidency* 37: 231-253.

Charles J. Finocchiaro and Gregg B. Johnson. 2010. "Committee Property Rights, Executive Dominance, and Political Parties in Latin American Legislatures." *Journal of Legislative Studies* 16: 151-175.

Michael H. Crespin, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and Emily Wanless. 2009. "Perception and Reality in Congressional Earmarks." *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics* 7 (2): Article 1.

Charles J. Finocchiaro and Jeffery A. Jenkins. 2008. "In Search of Killer Amendments in the Modern U.S. House." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 33: 263-294.

Charles J. Finocchiaro and David W. Rohde. 2008. "War for the Floor: Partisan Theory and Agenda Control in the U.S. House of Representatives." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 33: 35-61.

Jamie L. Carson, Michael H. Crespin, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and David W. Rohde. 2007. "Redistricting and Party Polarization in the U.S. House of Representatives." *American Politics Research* 35: 878-904.

Charles J. Finocchiaro and Bryan W. Marshall. 2004. "Committee Power and Amendment Rights in the U.S. House." *American Review of Politics* 25: 265-284.

Charles J. Finocchiaro. 2003. "An Institutional View of Congressional Elections: The Impact of Congressional Image on Seat Change in the House." *Political Research Quarterly* 56: 59-65.

Jamie L. Carson, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and David W. Rohde. 2002. "Partisanship, Consensus, and Committee-Floor Divergence: A Comparison of Member Behavior in the 96th and 104th Congresses." *American Politics Research* 30: 3-33.

Editor-Reviewed Chapters

Stephanie Davis and Charles J. Finocchiaro. 2025. "Compromise and Consequence: The Impact of Institutions on American Representation." In *Divided Nation: Analyzing Policy, Behavior, and Institutional Challenges in Modern American Democracy*, ed. Jamie L. Carson and Ryan D. Williamson. Berlin: De Gruyter, 27-46.

Robert Stein, Christopher B. Mann, Charles Stewart III, ... Charles J. Finocchiaro, ... Julie Wronski (41 authors). 2020. "Polling Place Quality and Access." In *The Future of Election Administration*, ed. Kathleen Hale and Bridgett A. King. New York: Palgrave, 83-100.

Michael H. Crespin and Charles J. Finocchiaro. 2011. "Congressional Spending: The Special Case of Earmarks." In *New Directions in Congressional Politics*, ed. Jamie L. Carson. New York: Routledge, 237-256.

Michael H. Crespin and Charles J. Finocchiaro. 2008. "Distributive and Partisan Politics in the U.S. Senate: An Exploration of Earmarks." In *Why Not Parties? Party Effects in the United States Senate*, ed. Nathan W. Monroe, Jason M. Roberts, and David W. Rohde. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 229-251.

Charles J. Finocchiaro and David W. Rohde. 2007. "Speaker David Henderson and the Partisan Era of the U.S. House." In *Party, Process, and Political Change, Volume 2: Further New Perspectives on the History of Congress*, ed. David W. Brady and Mathew D. McCubbins. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 259-270.

Other Publications

Charles J. Finocchiaro. 2017. "Getting Started with Archival Research." *The Legislative Scholar: The Newsletter of the Legislative Studies Section of the American Political Science Association* 2 (1, Spring): 25-27.

Book Project

Charles J. Finocchiaro. *Of Pork Barrels and Personalism: The Nineteenth-Century Roots of the Modern American Congress*. Completed manuscript.

Working Papers and Manuscripts

Peter T. McLaughlin, Joy Rhodes, Nathan T. Barron, B. Henry Ashton, Rachel Blum, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and Michael H. Crespin. "Experimental Evidence on the Effects of Campaign Funds for Childcare."

Charles J. Finocchiaro. "The Public Buildings Boom: Distributive and Partisan Politics in the Modernizing Congress."

Charles J. Finocchiaro and Scott A. MacKenzie. "Clearing the Desks: Constituency Demand, Committee Service, and Bill Sponsorship in the U.S. Senate."

Nathan T. Barron, Rachel Blum, Michael H. Crespin, Charles J. Finocchiaro, Peter T. McLaughlin, Peter Olson, Nathaniel Reeves, and Joy Rhodes. "Partisan Signals, Procedural Opinions: Elite Cues and Public Support for Filibuster Reform."

Nathan T. Barron, Peter T. McLaughlin, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and Michael H. Crespin. "Dynamic Agenda Effects on Measuring Congressional Bipartisanship."

Charles J. Finocchiaro. "Parties and Committee Context in the U.S. Congress."

Charles J. Finocchiaro. "Bicameralism and Personal Vote Seeking in the Modernizing U.S. Congress."

Charles J. Finocchiaro and Tse-min Lin. "The Hazards of Incumbency: An Event History Analysis of Congressional Careers."

Research Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

APSA Special Projects Fund Grant, American Political Science Association, for workshop on "Indian Self-Determination and the People's Voice," co-PI with Michael H. Crespin, 2019–2020.

Congressional Research Grant, The Dirksen Center, "Party Leadership and Member Resources in the Institutionalizing House," 2014.

Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the best paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, with Scott MacKenzie, 2014.

CQ Press Award for the best paper on legislative politics presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, with Scott MacKenzie, 2013.

Humanities Grant, Office of the Provost, Internal Grant Programs, University of South Carolina, 2012.

Magellan Scholar Award, Office of Undergraduate Research, University of South Carolina, faculty mentor to Bryan McDonald and Hillary Vedvig, 2011.

Magellan Scholar Award, Office of Undergraduate Research, University of South Carolina, faculty mentor to Zachary Turek, 2010.

Artinian Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2007.

Small Research Grant, Baldy Center, University at Buffalo, SUNY, 2005–2006.

Research Subgrant, Center for Population Economics, Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago, and National Institutes of Health grant number P01 AG10120, Robert Fogel, Principal Investigator, "Party Politics, Civil War Pensions, and the Development of American Political Institutions: An Exploration of Citizen Linkages with Government," 2005–2006.

Baldy Research Grant, Baldy Center, University at Buffalo, SUNY, "Legislative Organization and the Lawmaking Process in the Partisan Era of the U.S. Congress," 2004–2005.

Congressional Research Grant, Dirksen Congressional Center, "The Role of Party and Committee Leaders in Pre-Floor Decisionmaking," 2001.

Advanced Graduate Student Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2001, 2002.

Malcolm Jewell Award for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, 2000.

Political Institutions and Public Choice (PIPC) Fellow, Michigan State University, 1997–2003.

Teaching Awards

Alternative Textbook Grant, OU Libraries, University of Oklahoma, 2018.

Two Thumbs Up Award, Office of Student Disability Services, University of South Carolina, 2015.

Lisa Hertel Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, University at Buffalo, SUNY, 2006.

Presentations and Conference Participation

Invited Seminars

- University of Georgia, Book Workshop, Department of Political Science, May 2024.
- Georgia State University, Political Science Speaker Series, Department of Political Science, October 2014.
- Duke University, Political Institutions and Public Choice Workshop, Department of Political Science, October 2010.
- University of Georgia, American Political Development Working Group, Department of Political Science, March 2008.
- University of Chicago, Center for Population Economics, Graduate School of Business, March 2007.

Invitational Conferences

- Brown University, Congress and History Conference, June 2025: presenter.
- University of Southern California, Price School of Public Policy/Bedrosian Center, Political Institutions and Political Economy (PIPE) Conference, March 2019: participant.
- University of Oklahoma, Congress and History Conference, June 2016: presenter.
- Vanderbilt University, Congress and History Conference, May 2015: presenter.
- Duke University, Political Institutions and Public Choice Conference, May 2015: presenter.
- University of Maryland, Congress and History Conference, June 2014: panel chair.
- University of Georgia, Congress and History Conference, May 2012: participant.
- Brown University, Congress and History Conference, June 2011: discussant.
- University of California – Berkeley, Congress and History Conference, June 2010: participant.
- University of California – Merced, Politics of Federal Spending Conference, May 2010: presenter and discussant.
- University of Virginia, History of Congress Conference, May 2009: presenter.
- Duke University, Conference on Bicameralism, March 2009: presenter and discussant.
- George Washington University, History of Congress Conference, May 2008: presenter.
- University of Minnesota, Conference on Party Effects in the U.S. Senate II, September 2006: presenter.
- Duke University, Conference on Party Effects in the U.S. Senate, April 2006: presenter and discussant.
- University of California – San Diego, History of Congress Conference, December 2003: presenter and discussant.

Association Meetings

- American Political Science Association: presenter (1999–2008, 2011–2013, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2023, 2025[4]), discussant (2006, 2015), panel chair (2001, 2006, 2015).
- Comparative Agendas Project annual meeting: presenter (2026).
- European Political Science Association: presenter (2015, 2019, 2023).
- Midwest Political Science Association: presenter (1999, 2000, 2001[2], 2002, 2003[2], 2004[2], 2005[3], 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026), discussant (2010, 2011, 2013), panel chair (2011, 2012[2], 2018).
- Prairie Political Science Association (Canada): presenter (2022, 2023).
- Society for Political Methodology: participant (2014).
- Southern Political Science Association: presenter (1999, 2000, 2001[2], 2002, 2004–2007, 2010[2], 2012, 2013, 2016, 2020, 2024), discussant (2004, 2010, 2020, 2022, 2024), panel chair (2013, 2016, 2022), roundtable participant (2024).
- Western Political Science Association: presenter (2013, 2022, 2024, 2026[2]), discussant (2022), panel chair (2022).

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate

American Federal Government/Introduction to American Politics

U.S. Congress/Legislative Politics

The American Presidency

Congress: Politics, Policy and the Constitution

Political Parties and Interest Groups

Congress and the Presidency

Strategies in Politics and Public Policy (Positive Theory)

Roosevelt Institution Seminar (Public Policy)

Graduate

Basic Statistics for Social Science

Research Design

American Government Proseminar

Legislative Politics/Congress

Social Choice Theory

Professional Service and Associations

Professional Activities

- Section Chair, American Political Development, Southern Political Science Association annual meeting program committee, 2024.

- Conference Host, Legislative Politics Conference (focused on mentorship of junior scholars), Carl Albert Center, 2022.
- Member, Richard F. Fenno, Jr. Prize Committee, American Political Science Association, Legislative Studies Section, 2017.
- Member, Executive Committee, Pi Sigma Alpha national honor society, 2012–2016.
- Member, ProQuest Congressional Redesign Advisory Board, 2014–2016.
- Chair, CQ Press Award Committee, American Political Science Association, Legislative Studies Section, 2014.
- Section Chair, Legislative Politics, Southern Political Science Association annual meeting program committee, 2013.
- Section Head, Legislative Institutions, Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting program committee, 2012.
- Discussant, Various invitational and association conferences (see Conference Participation above).
- Panel Chair, Various invitational and association conferences (see Conference Participation above).
- Discussant, Conference on Electoral Politics in Taiwan, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, 2009.
- Member, LexisNexis U.S. Serial Set Digital Collection Academic Advisory Board, 2005–2009.
- Moderator, "America Divided: Political Polarization in America," Symposium sponsored by the Brookings Institution, University at Buffalo, SUNY, 2007.
- Discussant, Institutional Analysis of Law, Politics, and Society, Faculty Series sponsored by the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, University at Buffalo, SUNY, 2004.
- Discussant, Political Institutions and Public Choice Program Spring Seminar, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2000, 2002.

Memberships

- American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, APSA Legislative Studies Section, Society for Political Methodology.

Manuscript Reviewer

- National Science Foundation, *American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Behavior*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Studies in American Political Development*, *Political Geography*, *Public Choice*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Research & Politics*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Journal of Political Marketing*, *Politics & Governance*, *Justice System Journal*, *American Review of Politics*, *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*, *Party Politics*, *Public Administration Quarterly*, Cambridge University Press, University of Michigan Press, Academic Press, Allyn & Bacon/Longman Publishers, Atomic Dog Publishers, Bloomsbury Academic, CQ Press, McGraw-Hill, Pearson Education, Praeger Publishers, Routledge, SAGE Publishing, W.W. Norton and Company, Wadsworth Publishers.

Department, College, and University Service

Departmental Service

University of Oklahoma (Department of Political Science):

- Elected Member, Committee A (Executive Committee), 2024–2026.
- Chair, American Politics Field Exam Committee, 2026.
- Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2018–.
- Member, Scholarship Committee, 2021–.
- Member, Joint Search Committee, Carl Albert Center & Dept. of Political Science, 2018–2020.

University of South Carolina:

- Vice Chair, 2016–2017.
- Elected Member, Department Advisory Committee, 2008–2010, 2011–2013, 2014–2016.
- Member, Committee on Undergraduate Studies, 2007–2011, 2014–2017.
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, January 2012–August 2013.
- Elected Member, Faculty Annual Review Committee, 2016–2017.
- Chair, Faculty Recognition Committee, 2016–2017.
- Member, Third Year Review Committee for Kelan Lu, 2016.
- Junior Faculty Mentor, 2015–2017.
- Graduate Student Teaching Mentor, 2015–2017.
- Chair, Computer/Website Committee, 2014–2016.
- Member, International Studies Curriculum Review Committee, 2015.
- Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee for Timothy Peterson, 2014.
- Chair, Third Year Review Committee for Douglas Thompson, 2014.
- Member, Public Policy Search Committee, 2014.
- Elected Member, Chair Search Committee, 2008, 2013.
- Member, Computer/Website Committee, 2010–2013.
- Member, Public Administration Search Committee (two positions), 2012.
- Member, Political Theory Search Committee, 2011–2012 AY.
- Member, Public Administration Search Committee (two positions), 2009.
- Member, International Relations Search Committee, 2008.

University at Buffalo, SUNY:

- Member, Committee on Undergraduate Studies, 2006–2007.
- Elected Member, Advisory Committee, 2005–2007.
- Member, American Politics Search Committee, 2005–2007.
- Co-organizer, Faculty Paper Workshop, 2005–2007.
- Advisor, Rho Tau Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha (national political science honor society), 2004–2007.
- Member, Committee on Graduate Studies, 2004–2006.
- Graduate Student Member, Academic Standards Committee, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 1998–2001.

College Service

University of Oklahoma:

- Member, College of Arts & Sciences Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2021-2023.

University of South Carolina:

- Member, Communicating Our Value Effectively (COVE) Working Group, 2016–2017.
- Member, Information Technology Advisory Committee, 2015–2016.
- Member, College of Arts & Sciences Scholarship Committee, 2008–2013.
- Dean's Undergraduate Advisor, 2011–2013.

University at Buffalo, SUNY:

- Member, Faculty of Social Science Committee on Educational Technology, 2003–2004.

University Service

University of Oklahoma:

- Member, Graduate Council, 2026–.
- Faculty Advisor, College Democrats, 2018–2023.

University of South Carolina:

- Member, Advisory Board, Center for Digital Humanities, 2016–2017.
- Member, USC Connect–Graduation with Leadership Distinction, Research Course Review Committee, 2015–2017.
- Member, Magellan Scholar Review Committee and/or Proposal Reviewer, 2014–2017.
- Member, Provost's Task Force on Teaching/Testing on the Founding Documents, 2014–2015.
- Advisor, Roosevelt Institute, 2012–2013.
- Advisor, Gamma Chi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, 2010–2013.
- Member, Carolina Student Judicial Council, 2008–2017.
- Advisor, College Democrats, 2008–2009.

University at Buffalo, SUNY:

- Member, Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education Standing Committee, 2006.

Doctoral, M.A., and Honors Thesis Committees

Current	Nathan Barron, Ph.D.
	Joy Rhodes, Ph.D.
	Alperen Zararsiz, Ph.D.
	Ruby Daily, B.A., honors (principal advisor)
2026	Cheyenne Black, Ph.D.
	Isaac Crumrine, B.A., honors (principal advisor)
2025	Denis Cheruiyot, Ph.D.
	Madison Caputo, B.A., honors (principal advisor)
2024	Peter McLaughlin, Ph.D.
	Jerrid Carter, M.A.
	Adam Shepardson, M.A.
2023	Henry Ashton, Ph.D.
	Kathleen Kernal, B.A., honors (principal advisor)
2022	J.D. Rackey, Ph.D. (principal advisor)
2021	Sarina Rhinehart, Ph.D.
2020	Stephanie Davis, Ph.D. (principal advisor)
	Matthew Geras, Ph.D.
	Periloux Peay, Ph.D.
	Derek Bixler, B.A., honors (principal advisor)
2019	Abigail Bitterman, B.A., honors (principal advisor)
	Grayson Kuehl, B.A., honors (principal advisor)
	Tyler Rivera, B.A., honors (principal advisor)
	Casey Shaw, B.A., honors (principal advisor)
2018	Christin McMasters, Ph.D. (principal advisor)
	Sierra Bennett, B.A., honors (principal advisor)
	Allyssa Andrews, B.A., honors thesis
2017	Ryan Strickler, Ph.D.
2016	Ali Masood, Ph.D.
	Chia Yin (Judy) Wei, Ph.D.
	David Leggett, B.A., honors thesis (principal advisor)
2014	Allie Reckendorf, Ph.D.
	Lauren Smith, Ph.D.
	Timothy Young, M.A. (principal advisor).
2012	Bryan McDonald, B.A., honors thesis (principal advisor)
2011	Jonathan Williams, B.A., honors thesis (principal advisor)

	Genevieve Kehoe, Ph.D.
2010	Zachary Turek, B.A., honors thesis (principal advisor)
	Lauren Wilson, B.A., honors thesis (principal advisor)
	Kyle Mallinak, B.A., honors thesis
2009	Benjamin Bullock, B.A., honors thesis
	Hannah Davis, B.A., honors thesis
2008	Eric Wilk, Ph.D.
2007	Annika Hagley, M.A. (principal advisor)
	Samuel Sheehy, M.A.
	Walter Koch, Ph.D.
	Ka Ho Tong, B.A., honors thesis (principal advisor)
2006	Thom Hierl, M.A.
	Tom Gilbert, M.A. (principal advisor)
2005	Joseph Byrne, M.A. (principal advisor)
	Diane Oyler, Ph.D.

References

Available upon request.