

# Peter Olson

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Oklahoma, in progress. Graduate Fellow, Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center, expected 2027.

M.A. Political Science, University of Oklahoma, 2024.

B.A. Political Science, Calvin University, 2021.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Legislative politics**, especially partisan activist representation in the U.S. Congress; **public policy**, application of the Advocacy Coalition Framework; **public opinion**, how elite cues and information can shape public opinion

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

McLaughlin, Peter T., Peter Olson, Nathan T. Barron, H. Benjamin Ashton, Rachel Blum, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and Michael H. Crespin. 2025. "Ends Versus Means: Public Opinion on Congressional Redistricting." *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy* 24(3): 287–301. doi:[10.1089/elj.2023.0050](https://doi.org/10.1089/elj.2023.0050).

## UNDER REVIEW

Olson, Peter. "The Sputnik Effect: Does the Rise of China Increase Support for Science at Home?"

Nathan T. Barron, Rachel M. 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"

## **WORKING PAPERS**

Olson, Peter. "The Representation of Partisan Activists in Government"

McLaughlin, Peter T., Joy Rhodes, Peter Olson, Rachel Blum, Charles Finocchiaro, and Michael Crespin. "Scandals, Negativity Bias, and Support for Congressional Reforms."

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*University of Oklahoma*

U.S. Congress (P SC 3143): instructor of record, 2026.

U.S. Congress (P SC 3143): teaching assistant 2025.

Strategies in Politics and Public Policy (P SC 4083): teaching 2023-2024.

American Federal Government (P SC 1113): teaching assistant, 2022-2023.

American Federal Government (P SC 1113): instructor of record (online), 2026.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2026

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2025- 2026

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2025

Cooperative Election Study Conference: 2025

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

Ronald L. Platt Memorial Scholarship (\$2,250), 2026

Les J. Martin Memorial Scholarship (\$700), 2025

George B Williams Award for an outstanding graduate research paper (\$2000), 2024

George B Williams Award for an outstanding graduate research paper (\$1000), 2023

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

## **UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

President, Christian Grad Fellowship, University of Oklahoma Chapter 2025-current

## **REFERENCES**

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